

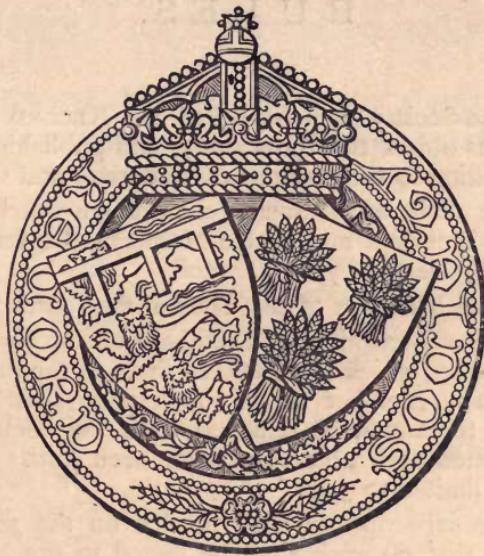
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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1888.



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1.—THAT the Society shall be called the RECORD SOCIETY, and shall have for its object the transcribing and publishing of Original Documents relating to the counties of Lancaster and Chester.

2.—That the affairs of the Society shall be governed by a Council, consisting of a President and twelve Members, the former of whom shall be *annually* elected by the Council.

3.—That three Members of the Council shall form a quorum.

4.—That the subscription of Members of the Society shall be £1. 1s. per annum, which shall entitle them to the publications for the year; but any Member whose subscription shall be two years in arrear shall thereupon be removed from the Society, and shall not be re-admitted until all arrears have been paid. The number of Members is limited to 350.

5.—That the subscriptions shall be due on the 30th of June in each year, and that no work shall be issued to any Member whose subscription is in arrear.

6.—That an Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of July, of which due notice shall be sent to all the Members. At this meeting a Report of the work of the Society, with a Statement of the Income and Expenditure, shall be presented. These shall be annually published, together with a List of Members and the Rules of the Society.

7.—That so long as the funds of the Society permit, two volumes at least shall be issued to the Members in each year.

8.—That no copies of the publications of the Society shall be sold to non-members, except at an increased price to be fixed by the Council.

9.—That no payment shall be made to any person for editing any work for the Society, but that the Editor of each volume shall be entitled to twenty copies of the work so edited by him.

10.—That the Treasurer's accounts shall be audited by two Members of the Society, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

11.—No alteration shall be made in any of the above Rules except at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any proposed alterations must be sent to the Hon. Secretary a month before such General Meeting.

12.—That a Meeting of the Council of the Society shall be called by the Hon. Secretary at least once in every three months.

The Annual Subscription of £1. 1s., entitling the Members to all the Volumes issued for that year, may be paid to the Hon. Treasurer, or to the credit of the Society at their Bankers, the Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Company, Limited, at any of their branches.

Report for the Year 1887-8.

*Read at the Annual Meeting, held in the Audit Room of the
Chetham Hospital, Manchester, October 31st, 1888.*

THE Council have much pleasure in stating that since the last Annual Meeting three volumes have been delivered to the Members,—Vol. XIV., *Annales Cestrienses*; Vol. XV., Index to the Wills, now preserved at Chester, between the years 1660 and 1680; and Vol. XVI., Lancashire Inquisitions, Stuart Period, Part II., 1614 to 1622. Of these volumes a full account appeared in the Report of the Society read on October 6th last year, so that it is needless to further allude to them here.

The two volumes for the year 1887-88 are both printed, and will be in the hands of the members next month. Vol. XVII. is Lancashire Inquisitions, Stuart Period, Vol. III., 1622 to 1625; and Vol. XVIII. is the Index to the Wills now preserved at Chester 1681 to 1700. The former of these completes the Lancashire Inquisitions for the reign of James I., an important period embracing the early part of the seventeenth century. The first portion, which appeared so far back as Vol. III. of the Society's series, included all the Inquisitions which were taken between the first and the eleventh year of that king's reign, 1603 to 1613; the second portion, forming Vol. XVI. of the Society's series, included the years 1614 to 1621; and in the present volume those taken from 1622 to 1625 will be found. This is the first time that any attempt has ever been made to print the entire series of Inquisitions, belonging to any particular county for any special period, and the value of the work is very great. No less than 567 documents, all written in Latin, and referring to all classes of persons,—knights, esquires, clergy, gentry, and yeomen,—have been examined, and full English abstracts of them printed. These three volumes have yielded much valuable information concerning the history of many Lancashire families and places at the beginning of the seventeenth century, and they have been much used by writers of local and family history. The importance of the information which they contain cannot be over-estimated, as they are, with few exceptions, what are known as Inquisitions *post mortem*, or the returns taken before a jury, after the deaths of those who held, or were supposed to hold, their lands directly from the king.

Original documents, such as family and marriage settlements, wills, &c., were produced and shown to the jury, and are frequently quoted at length in these Inquisitions. At the conclusion of the inquiry the jurors certified who was the next heir to the deceased, and his or her age at the time. These volumes have been edited by Mr. J. Paul Rylands, who has printed at the end of this volume abstracts of a few Inquisitions belonging to the reign of James I., which are not now to be found in the Public Record Office. There is a full Index of both persons and places for Vols. XVI. and XVII. at the end of Vol. XVII.

Volume XVIII., the Index to the Wills and Inventories now preserved at Chester from 1681 to 1700, has, like the previous Lists of Wills at Chester, been edited by Mr. J. P. Earwaker. By the publication of this volume the Council have now placed in the hands of the members of the Society the complete list of all the wills relating to Lancashire and Cheshire known to be preserved at Chester from the earliest date, 1545, to the year 1700, as well as those which were proved in London between the years 1650 and 1660, when the diocesan Courts of Probate were closed. The total number of wills calendared in the four volumes now printed, embracing the periods 1545 to 1620, 1621 to 1650, 1660 to 1680, and 1681 to 1700, cannot be far short of 70,000! As was stated in the last Report, the Council hope to continue the printing of these lists from time to time down to the year 1780, or possibly 1800. As the names are arranged in strictly alphabetical order, it is now possible for any one to ascertain, with little or no trouble, what wills there are belonging to any particular Lancashire or Cheshire family, down to the year 1700, and this too without the necessity or expense of a journey to Chester and a special search through each year's Index in the Probate Registry there. It is, therefore, not surprising that these volumes have been the most frequently consulted of any printed by the Society, and that the example which the Record Society has set with regard to the wills at Chester has been, and is being, followed by other Societies in other parts of England.

The following is the complete list of the Society's publications up to the present time:—

1878-79. { I. Commonwealth Church Survey.
II. Index to Wills at Chester, 1545 to 1620.

1879-80. { III. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period.
Part I. 1603 to 1613.

1880-81.	{	IV. Index to Wills at Chester, 1621 to 1650. V. Register of Prestbury, co. Chester, 1560 to 1636.
1881-82.	{	VI. Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certi- ficates, 1600-1678. VII. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part I.
1882-83.		VIII. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part II.
1883-84.	{	IX. Preston Guild Rolls, 1397-1682. X. Lancashire Wills proved at Richmond, 1457 to 1680.
1884-85.	{	XI. Exchequer Depositions, 1558 to 1702. XII. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire. Vol. I.
1885-86.	{	XIII. Lancashire Wills proved at Richmond, 1680 to 1748. XIV. Annales Cestrienses.
1886-87.	{	XV. Index to Wills at Chester, 1660-1680. XVI. Lancashire Inquisitions, Stuart Period. Part II. 1614 to 1622.
1887-88.	{	XVII. Lancashire Inquisitions, Stuart Period. Part III. 1622 to 1625. XVIII. Index to Wills at Chester, 1681 to 1700.

The last two volumes will be issued next month.

Two volumes have been issued in each year, except on two occasions, when a single volume of more than average thickness was substituted for the two volumes.

In previous Reports attention has been directed to the various volumes which the Council hope to be able to issue in future years. Of these, perhaps the most important is the Index to the Raines MSS., now in the Chetham Library, Manchester, and to the Piccopic, Palmer, Barritt, and other local MSS. there, which will form the first of a series of volumes, describing the contents of the various MSS. relating to Lancashire and Cheshire, now preserved in the different public libraries in the two counties. Some progress has been made with this volume, about half of the Raines MSS. having been examined, and it is hoped that the book may be sent to press some time next year.

The Royalist Composition Papers for Lancashire, of which a full account was given in the Report for last year, will shortly be taken in hand by the Rev. J. H. Stanning, M.A.,

who has kindly consented to edit them, and the first volume will, it is hoped, appear next year. They will be arranged in alphabetical order, so that the many scattered documents may be brought together under the name of the persons to whom they relate. As already stated, these Royalist Composition papers, relating as they do to a period (1644 to 1652) of very great public interest, show what tyrannical and arbitrary means were employed by those in authority in confiscating the property of the Royalists, and the hardships the latter had to undergo. They will make singularly valuable volumes for the history of Lancashire, and will supply a mass of information entirely new, the very existence of which, up to a few years ago, was unsuspected.

The Council regret that Mr. James Hall's promised edition of Malbon's Diary of the Civil War in Cheshire is not yet ready for the press, but they hope he will be able to devote some time to it during the forthcoming winter. Mr. J. A. C. Vincent's Report on the Lancashire Lay Subsidy Rolls is in the printer's hands, and, from the specimens of the work submitted to the Council, a volume containing much original information may be looked for.

The important Court Rolls of the great Honor of Clitheroe, co. Lancaster, have during the past few years been carefully examined by two members of the Society, Mr. A. J. Robinson, Clitheroe Castle, and Mr. W. Ecroyd, of Burnley, who have kindly agreed to allow the results of their labours to be printed by this Society. The great quantity of material, and the trouble of making such selections as will show the true value of these ancient Rolls, are difficulties which the Council trust these gentlemen will be able to overcome, so that their account of them, with copious extracts from the Rolls, may appear at no distant date.

As stated in the last Report, the Council have availed themselves of Sir James Hannen's permission, and have had the various Indices to the Wills at Chester, now in use at the Probate Registry there, transcribed down to the year 1760. They are, therefore, now in a position to print further volumes of these valuable lists of wills, divided into periods of twenty years, whenever an opportunity offers.

So much interest has been excited by the recent publication of the London Marriage Licences, as copied by the late Col. Chester, that the Council think that some steps should at once be taken to obtain permission to print the early marriage licences preserved at Chester, which begin in 1608. These marriage licences relate to both Lancashire and Cheshire, and contain information of great genealogical value,

which well deserves to be placed on permanent record. They are also of value in supplying the names of the local clergy, who were licensed to celebrate these marriages. In addition to the London Marriage Licences above referred to it may interest the members to know that a volume of Lincoln Marriage Licences, 1598 to 1628, has appeared this year, and that another volume is now in the press.

In the last Report attention was directed to the fact that the number of the members of the Society was much below the 350 names to which the Society is limited. In order to bring the Society to the notice of persons likely to become members, and in particular to the chief Libraries in the United States and elsewhere, circulars were drawn up by the Hon. Secretary, and have been extensively circulated. The results so far have been very gratifying, and the Council have the pleasure of announcing that since the last Annual Meeting thirty-four persons have joined the Society, and, what is perhaps more important still, the funds of the Society have been enriched, not only by the thirty-four guineas paid by them, but also to the extent of £87 by the sale of back volumes to these new and other members. Whilst congratulating the Society on this accession, the Council express a hope that the present members will endeavour to induce their friends to join a Society which has done, and is doing, such good work for the past history of Lancashire and Cheshire. Many of the members have done this in the past year with very satisfactory results, for which the Council sincerely thank them.

During the past year the Society has suffered a serious loss by the death of Mr. J. E. Bailey, F.S.A., who was a member of the Society from its commencement, and of the Council since 1882.

☞ The Council must again refer to Rule 5, under which no volume can be delivered to any member whose subscription is in arrear.

The Balance-sheet, showing the receipts and expenditure of the Society for the year 1887-8, will be found on the next page.

Warrington *Sorript.*—*LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.*

Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July, 1887, to 30th June, 1888.

Examined and found correct, { ANDREW E. P. GRAY,
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PART THIRD.

JAMES I.

James Birch, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 27 March,
20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator,
after the death of *James Birch*, gentleman, by the oath of
James Walmisley, *Thomas Bordman*, *Lawrence Horrockes*,
Robert Bolton, *Francis Isherwood*, *Robert Leaver*, *James Crompton*, *Arthur Bromley*, *Roger Grundy*, *John Wilkinson*,
James Isherwood, *John Brooke*, *Thomas Kershaw*, *Richard Aspinall*, *Thomas Lightbowne*, *Robert Bordman*, and *Alexander Ward*, gentlemen, who say that *James Birch* at the
time of his death and long before was seised in fee of 2 mes-
suages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 10 acres of land, 10 acres of
meadow, and 20 acres of pasture, in the hamlet of Sharples
in the town of Harwood.¹

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27 Mar.
1622.

The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Sharples
are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of Man-
chester, in free and common socage, viz. by fealty and the
yearly rent of 3½d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

¹ In Bolton parish.

James Birch died 13 Nov. last past [1621]; *Richard Birch* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 13 years and 21 weeks.

Randal Haworth, of Sharples.

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27 Mar.
1622.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 27 March, 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Randle Haworth*, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Randal Haworth* was seised in fee of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 10 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Sharples,² which are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of Manchester, in socage, viz. by fealty and the annual rent of 3½d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d.

Randal Haworth, so seised, died at Sharples, 1 Sept. last past [1621]; and *James Haworth* is his son and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 2 years 7 months and 27 days and no more.

Richard Smethurst, of Tyldesley, Gentleman.

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No. 5.
27 Mar.
1622.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 27 March, 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Richard Smethurst* late of Tyldeley,³ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Richard Smethurst* long before and on the day of his death was seised in fee of 2 burgages in Manchester.

The one burgage lying in the Deanesgate in Manchester is held of *Richard Murray*, S.T.D., the Warden, and the Fellows of the Church of Manchester, in free and common socage, viz. by the yearly rent of 12s., and is worth per ann. (clear) 2s.; the other burgage lying near "le Boothes" in Manchester is held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of

¹ Ranulphus.

² In Bolton parish.

³ In Leigh parish.

Manchester, but by what services the Jurors know not, and by the yearly rent of 12*d.*, and is worth per ann. (clear) 2*s.*

Richard Smethurst died 20 Jan., 13 James [1615-16]; and *Hugh Smethurst* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 60 years and more.

Sir Thomas Gerrard, of Bryn, Knt. and Bart.

Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 11 April, 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Gerrard*, Knt. and Bart., by the oath of *John Leconby*, *Edward Roustorne*, *Henry Hamond*, *John Jackeson*, *Henry Cornowe*, *Henry Clarke*, *John Woodcocke*, *Francis Warberton*, *William Welby*, *Thomas Londe*, *Thomas Stanley*, *Robert Bonny*, *John Elswicke*, and *William Urmshawe*, gentlemen, who say that *Thomas Gerrard* was seised in fee of the capital messuage called "le Bryne";¹ also of the manor of Ashton in Makerfield; and 130 messuages, 60 cottages, 2 wind-mills, 4 water-mills, 1300 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 3000 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood and under-wood, 20 acres of land covered by water, 40 acres of moor and moss, 300 acres of marsh, and 40*s.* rent in Bryne and Ashton in Makerfield; also of the manor of Windle;² and 70 messuages, 40 cottages, 70 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 1000 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood and under-wood, 300 acres of moor, moss and marsh, and 10*s.* rent, in Windle;² also of 30 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Ince;³ also of 5 messuages, 5 gardens, 5 orchards, and 5 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Lancaster, Pemberton³ and Prescott; also of the manors of Etwall and Hardwick, and the Rectory of Etwall, and the tithes of sheaves and grain yearly in Etwall, Burneston and Hardwick, and 10 messuages, 10 gardens, 4 cottages, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 140 acres of pasture, 500 acres of moor, and 2*s.* rent, in Etwall and Hardwick, all in the county of Derby; also of

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¹ In Ashton in Makerfield township, in Winwick parish.

² In Prescot parish.

³ In Wigan parish.

1 messuage or cottage in the town of Derby; and 1 other messuage or cottage in Burton on Trent, in the county of Stafford; also of 40 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Ash, in the county of Derby.

Thomas Gerrard, Knt. and Bart. (named in the writ), and *Thomas Gerrard*, Knt. and Bart. (then Esq.), his son and heir apparent, by an Indenture dated 13 Oct., 12 James [1614], demised to *Thomas Lathome* of Parbutt, Esq., the capital messuage called "Etwall Hall," with 1 dovecot, and with all orchards, gardens, fisheries, and other the premises to the said messuage belonging; also 1 parcel of land in Etwall, and all the tithes of grain growing in Etwall, for the term of 21 years at the yearly rent of 6d., as by the said Indenture shown to the Jurors appears. By virtue whereof the said *Thomas Lathome*, on the day and year last mentioned, entered into the said capital messuage and other the premises, and was possessed thereof for the term aforesaid, the reversion thereof belonging to the said *Thomas Gerrard* (named in the writ) and his heirs for ever.

And *Thomas Lathome* being so seised, and *Thomas Gerrard* (named in the writ) being likewise seised in fee of all the manors, lands, and other the premises in Lancashire and Derbyshire, a certain Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 4th week of Lent, 10 James [1612], of all the premises aforesaid in the county of Lancaster, between *Richard Molineux*, Knt. and Bart., *Peter Leigh*, Knt., and *Roger Downes*, Esq., plaintiffs, and the said *Thomas Gerrard* (named in the writ) deforciant, by the names of the manors of Ashton in Makerfield, Windle, and Garsewood; 300 messuages, 3 tofts, 8 water-mills, 3 wind-mills, 2 dovecots, 300 barns, 300 orchards, 300 gardens, 2000 acres of land, 500 acres of meadow, 2000 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 500 acres of furze and heath, 100 acres of moor, 1000 acres of moss, 1000 acres of turbary, and £10 rent, in Ashton in Makerfield,¹ Windle, Gareswood,¹ Prescott, Pemberton,² Billinge,² Lancaster, Ince,² and Golborne;¹ also of common of pasture for all cattle in Prescott, Pemberton, Billinge, Lancaster, Ince, and Golborne; also of the coal-mines in Ashton in Makerfield and Windle.

Another Fine was also levied at Westminster in the

¹ In Winwick parish.

² In Wigan parish.

Octave of St. Michael, 13 James [1615], between *Richard Mollineux*, Knt. and Bart., *Peter Leigh*, Knt., and *Roger Downes*, Esq., plaintiffs, and the said *Thomas Gerrard* (named in the writ), deforciant, of all the premises in the county of Derby by the names of the manors of Etwall, Ash, and Hardwicke, and 60 messuages, 20 cottages, 10 tofts, 1 wind-mill, 80 gardens, 80 orchards, 1000 acres of land, 500 acres of meadow, 1000 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 2000 acres of furze and heath, and 40s. rent, in Etwall, Ash, and Hardwicke; also the Rectory of Etwall; also all tithes of sheaves and grain yearly growing in Etwall, Burneston and Hardwicke; also the Advowson of the Vicarage of the Church of Etwall, as by certain transcripts of the said Fines, shown to the Jurors in evidence upon the taking of this Inquisition, more fully appears.

The said Fines were levied to the uses following:—

As to all the manors, lands, and other the premises in the county of Lancaster, to the use of the said *Thomas Gerrard* (named in the writ) for life, without impeachment of waste, with remainders to the use of *Thomas Gerrard*, his son, for life; and in default to the use of the first-born and other sons of *Thomas* (the son) by *Frances*, his wife; and in default to the use of the first-born and other sons of *Thomas* (the son); and in default to the use of *John Gerrard*, second son of *Thomas* (the father), for life; and in default to the use of the first-born and other sons of *John* successively in tail male; and in default to the use of the right heirs of *Lady Elisabeth Gerrard* (deceased), mother of *Thomas Gerrard*, Knt. (named in the writ).

As to all the manors, lands, tenements, and other the premises in the county of Lancaster [*sic*, for Derby, Stafford, &c. ?], to the use of *Thomas Gerrard* (the father) for life, with remainders to the use of *Thomas Gerrard* (the son) for life; and for default to the use of the first-born and other sons of *Thomas* (the son) by *Frances* his wife; and for default to the use of the first-born and other sons of *Thomas* (the son); and for default to the use of *John Gerrard* and his heirs male; and for default to the first-born and other sons of *Thomas* (the father) afterwards begotten; and for default to the use of *Thomas*, Lord *Gerrard*; and for default to the use of

Miles Gerrard, of Ince; and for default to the use of *Thomas Gerrard*, of Rainehill, gentleman; and for default to the use of *John Gerrard* (younger brother of the last-named *Thomas*); and for default to the use of *Thomas Gerrard*, of Newhall, and their heirs successively in tail male; and, lastly, to the use of the right heirs of *Thomas Gerrard* (the father, named in the writ) for ever, as by transcripts of the said Fines, and by certain Indentures, one dated 27 Nov., 5 James [1607], and the other dated 15 Jan., 10 James [1612-13], shown to the Jurors, appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, the said *Thomas Gerrard* (named in the writ) was seised of all the premises in Lancashire and Derbyshire for life, without impeachment of waste, with remainders as aforesaid, and, so seised, he died at Westminster, 16 Feb., 18 James [1620-21].

The capital messuage called "le Bryne," and the manor of Ashton in Makerfield, and all other the premises in Bryne and Ashton are held of *Richard Fleetwood*, Knt. and Bart., in free socage, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) £20. The manor of Windle, and all other the premises in Windle are held of *Peter Leigh*, Knt., by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £3. The premises in Pemberton are held of the *lords of Pemberton* in free and common socage, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 12d. The premises in Lancaster are held of *the King* in free burgage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4d. The premises in Prescott are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 12d. The manor and rectory of Etwall and all other the premises in Etwall are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £10. Of whom or by what service the manor of Hardwick, and other the premises in Hardwick are held, the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 4s. The tenements in Derby are held of the *Borough of Derby* in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4d. The tenements in Burton-on-Trent are held of the *Borough of Burton* in free and

common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4*d.* The 40 acres of land in Ash are held of the *King in capite* by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 5*s.*

Thomas Gerrard, Knt. and Bart., is the son and next heir of *Thomas Gerrard* (named in the writ), and was aged at the time of his father's death 36 years and more; he has taken the issues and profits of all the manors and other the premises in Lancashire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire, from that time up to the day of taking this Inquisition.

*** This Inquisition is in very bad condition, the beginning and the end being covered with a brown wash.

Richard Ward, of Mellor, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 26 April, 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Richard Ward*, late of Mellor,¹ gentleman, by the oath of *Richard Blundell*, *John Crooke*, *James Wall*, *William Arthwright*, *Richard Tailor*, *Henry Hodgkinson*, *Thomas Walmisley*, *John Hardman*, *Thomas Blackburne*, *Richard Whalley*, *Henry Hodgkinson*, *William Sudell*, and *Christopher Anderton*, gentlemen, who say that *Richard Ward* long before his death was seised to himself and his heirs in fee of the reversion expectant upon the decease of *Jane Ingham*, now the wife of one *Robert Ingham*, and lately the wife of *James Ward*, deceased, late brother of the said *Richard*, of 1 messuage, 16 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 14 acres of pasture, in Mellor. So seised, 14 March, A.D. 1620 [-21], at Mellor, he made his will in writing, published in the presence of *Henry Hodgkinson*, *Henry Ingham*, *Thomas Blackburne*, and *John Jameson*, whereby he nominated *Matthew Latus*, of Gousenargh, gentleman, and *Anne* his (*Richard's*) wife his executors. And by the said will he gave the premises in Mellor and the reversion thereof to *William Crombocke*, gentleman, and his heirs for ever, upon

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¹ In Blackburn parish.

condition that the said *William*, his heirs and assigns should pay the sum of £50 to such person or persons as therein appointed, as by the said will, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears.

The messuage and other the premises in Mellor are held of *Thomas Southworth*, in free socage by fealty and 2s. yearly rent, and are worth nothing per ann. during the life of *Jane Ingham*, which said *Jane* is yet alive at Mellor; after her decease they will be worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d. *Richard Ward*, being so seised, died at Mellor 17 March, 18 James [1620-21], *Janet¹ Cowborne*, late wife of one *Thomas Cowborne*, and *Thomasine Ward*, at the time of his death, were his sisters and co-heirs. Afterwards, viz. 20 of Dec. last past, *Janet* died, leaving issue by *Thomas Cowburne* one *Richard Cowburne*, her son and heir, who still survives at Mellor, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 6 years 10 months and 15 days and no more. *Thomasine Ward* is yet alive, and is now aged 35 years and no more. *Richard Cowburne*, son and heir of the aforesaid *Janet*, and *Thomasine Ward* are now (at the time of taking this Inquisition) the next heirs of the said *Richard Ward*.

Richard Heisham, of Heighfield.

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Inquisition taken at Preston in Amondernes, 2 May, 20 James [1622] before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Richard Heisham*, late of Heighfeild, in the parish of Haughton, by the oath of *Richard Cromleholme*, *William Arthwright*, *Richard Walmesley*, *John Warde*, *John Dauson*, *Robert Thornton*, *Robert Leach*, *Henry Hayhurst*, *Ralph Grimshawe*, *Thomas Osbaldeston*, *Richard Whalley*, *Robert Goodshawe*, *Thomas Ryley*, *John Tomson*, *Ralph Asley*, *John Jackson*, *William Sudell*, and *Thomas Blaigburne*, gentlemen, who say that *Richard Heisham* was seised in fee of one moiety of a messuage, 1 garden, 12 acres of arable land, 6 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, 10 acres of underwood, in Heighfeild, and of the reversion of the

¹ *Janeta.*

other moiety, after the death of *Anne Wynder*, his mother, which premises are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by military service and 3*s.* 9*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10*s.*

Richard Heisham died at Heighfeild 9 Nov. last past [1621], and *Daniel Heisham*, his brother and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 18 years and 7 months,

John Ashton, of Penketh, Esquire.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 4 May, 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Ashton*, late of Penketh,¹ Esq., by the oath of *Robert Barrowe*, *Ralph Markland*, *James Markland*, *Roger Bullocke*, *Roger Baron*, *Richard Turner*, *Nicholas Penington*, *Christopher Banckes*, *James Langshawe*, *Miles Aynscowe*, *James Gorton*, *Adam Banckes*, *Geoffrey Sherrington*, *Thomas Tarleton*, *Roger Bradshawe*, *Oliver Hawkeshead*, *Hugh Dicconson*, and *James Ireland*, gentlemen, who say that *John Ashton* was seised in fee of 20 messuages, 5 tofts, 1 water-mill, 1 wind-mill, 1 dovecot, 20 gardens, 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 5 acres of wood, 80 acres of furze and heath, 100 acres of moor, and 6*s.* rent; also common of pasture for all his cattle in Penketh,¹ Warrington, Martin's Crofte,² and Great Sonkey;¹ also a free fishery in the water of the Mersey.

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John Ashton being so seised, a fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 5th week of Lent, 10 James [1612], before *James Altham* and *Edward Bromeley*, Knts., Barons of the Exchequer, between *Ralph Ashton*, *James Anderton*, of Lostocke, *James Massie* and *Edward Whitby*, Esqs., and *Thomas Gregg* and *William Brocke*, gentlemen, plaintiffs, and *John Ashton*, Esq., *John Crosby*, gentleman, and *Anne* his wife, *Robert Heywood*, gentleman, and *Margaret* his wife, and *Peter Harrison*, gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his wife, deforciants of the premises, to the uses contained in certain Indentures,

¹ In Prescot parish.

² In Warrington parish.

dated 30 Oct., 10 James [1612], and made between the said *John Ashton* of the one part, and *Edmund Brooke*, of Chester, gentleman, of the other part, to wit, to the use of the said *John Ashton* for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Thomas Ashton*, son and heir apparent of *Christiana Ashton*, one of the daughters of *John Ashton*, for life in like manner; and after his decease of the third part of the premises to the use of *Katherine Ashton*, now wife of *Thomas*, and of her assigns for her life, if she should live so long sole and unmarried. And, upon the determination of these estates, to the use of the first and other sons of *Thomas Ashton* successively in tail male, and in default to the right heirs of *Thomas* for ever, as by the aforesaid Indentures appears.

The messuages, &c. in Penketh are held (except 1 messuage with the lands usually occupied therewith, lately purchased by *John Ashton* from *Thomas Ireland*, now Knt., and now in the tenure of *Edward Eaton* or his assigns) of *Thomas Ireland*, Knt., as of his manor of Warrington, in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 1 silver penny, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5; the messuages in Penketh in the tenure of *Edward Eaton* are held by *the King* as of his Honour of Tutbury, in Staffordshire, by fealty only in free and common socage, and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s.; the messuages, &c. in Warrington are held of *Thomas Ireland*, Knt., as of his manor of Warrington, in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.; the messuages in Martin's Crofte are held of *Richard Fleetwood*, Knt. and Bart., as of his manor of Newton, in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 2s., and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s.; the messuages, &c. in Great Sonkey are held of *the King* by knight's service *in capite*, to wit, by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s.

John Ashton died 6 July, 18 James [1620]; *Thomas Ashton*, son and heir of *Christiana*,¹ one of the daughters of the said

¹ *Christiana* was the wife of Hamlet Ashton of Glazebrook, co. Lanc., and she was afterwards married to Sir Arthur Aston, having issue by both of her husbands. Her son *Thomas Ashton*, named above, was "of Penketh."

John Ashton, Timothea Crosby, wife of John Crosby, Margaret Heywood, wife of Robert Heywood, Anne Manuringe, wife of Andrew Manuringe, and John Harrison, son and heir of Elizabeth Harrison,¹ are the grandsons, daughters and heirs of *John Ashton*, and are aged respectively—*Thomas*, 30 years and more; *Timothea*, 46 years and more; *Anne Manuringe*, 39 years and more; *Margaret Heywood*, 37 years and more; *John Harrison*, 8 years and more.

Thomas Ashton has taken the issues and profits of the premises from the time of his father's death until this date. *Juliana*, widow of *John Ashton*, is still living at Penketh.

Henry Whittle, Clerk.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 29 July, 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Henry Whittle*, clerk, by the oath of *Hugh Adlington*, Esq., *William Chorley*, Esq., *William Tootell*, *Hugh Tootell*, *Richard Prescott*, *Thomas Wasley*, *Thurstan Maudesley*, *Peter Blackhurst*, *George Browne*, *John Waringe*, *Thomas Aynscowe*, *John Leyland*, *Richard Haydocke*, *Alexander Breres*, *William Breres*, and *William Hauckshead*, gentlemen, who say that *Henry Whittle* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 2 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, and 5 acres of pasture, in Blackerod;² and of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 1 acre of land, 1 acre of meadow, and 1 acre of pasture, in Chorley; and of 1 messuage and 3 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Witton;³ and of 10 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Witton, now or late in the tenure of *Miles Marsdenn*, of Redlum, and *Richard Poope*; and of a moiety of 2 closes of land in Shevington,⁴ now or late in the tenure of *Peter Catterall*.

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The premises in Blackerod are held of *the King*, as of his manor of East Greenwich, in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The premises in Chorley are

¹ Elizabeth was the wife of Peter Harrison.

² In Bolton parish. ³ In Blackburn parish. ⁴ In Standish parish.

held of *Richard Sherburne*, Esq., in socage by fealty and 2s. 11*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4*s.* The premises in Witton are held of *Ralph Standishe*, Esq., in free and common socage by fealty and rent of 1 pair of white gloves, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3*s.* The land in Shevington is held of *Ralph Standishe*, Esq., in free and common socage by fealty, and is worth per ann. (clear) 2*s.*

Henry Whittle died 24 March last past [1621-2], and *Hugh Whittle*, his brother and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 50 years and more.

Ralph Booth, of Ainsworth, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Bolton, 31 July, 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Ralph Booth*, late of Aynsworth, in the town of Middleton, gentleman, by the oath of *James Walmisley*, *Roger Sharples*, *Giles Aynsworth*, *Robert Bolton*, *Thomas Bordman*, *Robert Leaver*, *Robert Bordman*, *Francis Isherwood*, *James Crompton*, *Edward Greenehalgh*, *Arthur Bromeley*, *John Brooke*, *Arthur Bromeley*, *Thomas Kirshawe*, *Lawrence Horrookes*, *Robert Walmisley*, *John Wilkinson*, and *Alexander Sharples*, gentlemen, who say that *Ralph Booth* long before his death was seised in fee of 3 messuages, 2 gardens, 1 orchard, 10 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture, in the hamlet of Aynsworth, in the town of Middleton, together with common of turbary in the wastes of the said hamlet, and common of pasture for all his cattle in the wastes of Aynsworth; also of 11 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Aynsworth, together with common of turbary and pasture in the wastes of Aynsworth. He, being so seised, made his will, dated 30 April last past [1622], whereby he gave the said messuages, lands, and tenements to be divided into 3 parts; and that 3rd part lying near "le lane" towards the north, together with the parcel of the premises in the tenure of one *Lawrence Horrookes*, he gave and devised to one

Jeffery Lomas, called his grandson, and by the said will he gave the other 2 parts of the aforesaid messuages and other the premises to *Ralph Holt* and *Roger Holt*, equally to be divided between them, they paying to *Jeffery Lomas* 12d. per ann. if they could not obtain a new demise, as by the said will shown to the Jurors appears.

The 3 messuages, 2 gardens, &c. in Aynsworth are held of *Ralph Ashton*, Esq. (who is now in the custody of *the King* by reason of his minority), in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 2s. and 1 pair of gloves, as of his manor of Middleton, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.; the 11 acres of land, meadow and pasture, and other the premises last-named are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 300th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

Ralph Booth, being so seised, died at Aynsworth 1 May last past [1622]; *Jeffery Lomas* is his kinsman and heir, viz. the son and heir of *Alice Holt*, sister and heiress of *Ralph*, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 36 years and more.

Thomas Parker, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 22 Aug., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Parker*, gentleman, by the oath of *Ralph Markland*, *William Ormishawe*, *Thomas Banckes*, *Roger Bullock*, *Richard Turner*, *Roger Baron*, *Richard Worthington*, *Nicholas Penington*, *Christopher Banckes*, *Miles Aynscowe*, *James Gorton*, *John Barker*, *Adam Banckes*, *Thomas Tarleton*, *Geoffrey Sherrington*, *James Ireland*, alias *Kydd*, *Roger Bradgshalgh*, *William Nightgall*, and *Robert Banckes*, gentlemen, who say that *Thomas Parker* long before his death was seised in fee of 5 messuages, 5 gardens, 10 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture; in Daulton.¹ He,

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being so seised, by deed dated 24 Oct., 34 Eliz. [1592] (shown in evidence to the Jurors), gave to *James Scott* and *Mary* his wife (being the sister of the said *Thomas*) all his messuage and land in the tenure of *James Bury* and *Margaret Parker* (mother of the said *Thomas*) in Daulton; and 3 messuages in Daulton, then or late in the tenure of *James Bury*, *Thomas Mason*, and *William Ashton*, or their assigns. To hold to the said *James* and *Mary* his wife, and to the heirs and assigns of *Mary*, to their sole use for ever. By virtue of which gift *James Scott* and *Mary* his wife entered into all and singular the premises; *James* died so seised, and *Mary*, who survives him, still remains seised thereof.

The messuages, &c. in Dalton were held of *William Orrell*, Esq., lately deceased, as of his manor of Dalton, in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 3*s. 1*id.**, and are now held of *Henry Ashurst*, gentleman, as of the said manor of Dalton, by the service and rent aforesaid, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3*os.*

Thomas Parker died at Dalton, 31 Aug., 42 Eliz. [1600], and *Mary* [Scott] is his sister and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 80 years and more.

Henry Parker, of Burscoe, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Wigan, 22 Aug., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Henry Parker*, late of Burscoe,¹ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Henry Parker*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 2 cottages and 2 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Burscoe. He, being so seised, made his will, dated 15 March, 19 James [1621-2], whereby he gave the said messuages, &c., to *Jane Parker*, his wife, for her life; and after her decease to *William Sutch* and to the heirs of his body; and for default to *Henry Sutch* and his

¹ In Ormskirk parish.

heirs ; and for default to *John Sutch* and his heirs ; and for default to the heirs of the body of *Anne Smalsharwe* ; and for default to the right heirs of himself, *Henry Parker*, for ever, as by the said will, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears.

The 2 cottages, &c., in Burscoe are held of *William, Earl of Derby*, in socage and by the yearly rent of 6d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

Henry Parker died so seised 6 April last past [1622] ; *William Sutch* is the kinsman and next heir of *Henry Parker*, and was aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 25 years and more.

Roger Parkinson, of Gousenargh, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 29 Aug., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Roger Parkinson*, late of Gousenargh,¹ gentleman, by the oath of *Richard Houghton*, *Thomas Osbaldeston*, *Robert Coll*, *Robert Barker*, *James Sidgreaves*, *Thomas Wilson*, *Robert Asmull*, *Thomas Stanley*, *Richard Tasker*, *John Fishwicke*, *Robert Bonny*, *John Elswicke*, *John Dauson*, *William Thornton*, *Robert Chippendall*, and *Thomas Waller*, gentlemen, who say that *Roger Parkinson* long before his death was seised in fee of 12 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Gousenargh. He, being so seised, by deed dated 15 Nov., 9 James [1611], enfeoffed *Mathew Latus*, of Gousenargh, and *Richard Whittingham*, of Claughton, gentleman, of the premises, to hold to them and their heirs and assigns to the use of *Roger Parkinson* and his assigns for his life ; and, after his decease, to the use of *Elizabeth Latus* and her assigns for her life ; and after her decease to the use of the 1st to the 8th son of *Roger Parkinson* successively in tail male ; and for default to the use of the 1st to the 6th daughter of *Roger Parkinson*, and to their issue successively ; and for default to the use of

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¹ In Kirkham parish.

William Parkinson, his brother, and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of *Thomas Parkinson*, another brother, and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of the right heirs of him the said *Roger* for ever, as by the aforesaid Indenture shown to the Jurors in evidence appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, the said *Roger* was seised of the premises for his life, with remainders as aforesaid, and he died so seised 3 Jan. last past [1621-2] at Gousenargh, without heirs or issue male. *Alice*, *Jenett*,¹ and *Margaret* are his daughters and co-heiresses, and are aged respectively at the time of taking this Inquisition :—*Alice*, 9 years 12 months and 18 days ; *Jenett*, 2 years and 7 days ; and *Margaret*, 12 months and 5 days.

The premises in Gousenargh are held of *William*, Earl of *Derby*, as of the lately dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, in socage by fealty and rent only, but by what rent the Jurors do not know, and are they worth per ann. (clear) 5s.

Francis Bainebrigge, the younger, of Carneford, Yeoman.

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Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 29 Aug., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Francis Bainebrigge*, of Carneford,² yeoman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Francis Bainebrigge* long before his death was seised in fee of 13 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Carneford ; also of the reversion of 12 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Carneford, after the death of *Francis Bainebrigge*, his father.

The aforesaid 13 acres of land, meadow and pasture, whereof *Francis Bainebrigge* the younger died seised, and the 12 acres of land in reversion are held of the King in fee-farm *in capite*, by knight's service, by the yearly rent of 8s. 1d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 10 shillings.

Francis Bainebrigge, the younger, died 16 July last past

¹ Jenetta.

² In Warton parish.

[1622]; *Peter Bainebrigge* is his son and next heir, and is aged 9 years 5 months 22 days and no more. *Jenett*,¹ widow of *Francis Bainebrigge* the younger, and mother of *Peter*, still survives.

William Gerrard, of Brynhill, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 18 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Gerrard*, late of Brinhill,² gentleman, by the oath of *Hugh Adlington* and *William Chorley*, Esqs., *Thurstan Standishe*, *Edward Swansey*, *William Tootell*, *Hugh Tootell*, *Richard Prescott*, *Thurstan Maudesley*, *Thomas Wasley*, *John Withnell*, *George Browne*, *Richard Haidocke*, *Roger Haidocke*, *Peter Blackhurst*, *Hugh Dicconson*, *John Brindle*, *Gilbert Rigby*, *Hugh Nightgall*, *William Hauckshead*, and *Alexander Liptrott*, gentlemen, who say that *William Gerrard*, long before his death, was seised in fee of the reversion of 6 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Walton in le dale,³ expectant upon the term of 100 years next following 14 Sept., 6 James [1608], if one *Ellen Walmisley*, wife of *Richard Walmisley*, *Evan Gerrard*, and *James Gerrard*, or any of them, should so long live, which said *Ellen*, *Evan*, and *James* still survive. By virtue of which term one *Gerrard Walmisley* is possessed of the said 6 acres of land, meadow and pasture, for the term aforesaid.

William Gerrard was likewise seised in fee and right of the reversion of 7 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Walton in le Dale, expectant upon the term of 7 years now following. By virtue whereof one *George Euxton* is now possessed of the said 7 acres. Also in like manner of the reversion of 5 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Brinhill, expectant upon the

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¹ Jenetta.

² The early name of Brindle was Burnel, or Burnhul; in the time of Edw. I. it became Burnhulle; in that of Edw. II., Burnehill; and at other times the orthography has been Brinhill, Brandhill, and Brandle, whence the transition to Brindle was very easy.—*Baines*.

³ In Blackburn parish.

term of 60 years from 2 Feb., 10 James [1612-13], by virtue whereof *Gerrard* and *Jenett¹ Walmisley* are, and at the time of the death of the said *William Gerrard* were, possessed of the said 5 acres of land. Also in like manner of 1½ acres of land in Whittle in le Woodes.²

So seised, by deed dated 20 March, 19 James [1621-2], he enfeoffed thereof one *Gerrard Walmisley*, to hold to him and his heirs to such uses as he the said *William Gerrard* by his will should express.

The said *William Gerrard* afterwards made his will, dated 22 March, 19 James [1621-2], describing himself as "*William Gerrard*, of Radborne, in Brinhill, in the County of Lanc., Drouier." He desired to be buried within the parish church of Brinhill [Brindle], in the place or near where his father and ancestors lay. He gave and bequeathed unto his brother, *John Gerrard*, 10s. in gold. To his sister, *Margaret Wright*, late wife of *John Wright*, of Euxton, deceased, 10s. in gold. To every child that he was uncle unto, 3s. 4d. apiece. To every child that he was godfather unto, 12d. To 20 of the poorest houses, being inhabitants in Brinhill, 40s., to be divided amongst them at the discretion of his Executors. To the repairing of the parish church of Brinhill, 10s. To the repairing of the high way, betwixt *Tasker's* house and *James Catterall's*, in Brinhill, 10s. To every child that he was grandfather unto £3, who should be living at his death (except *Gerrard Walmisley* and the heir of *Richard Walmisley*, of Showley, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman, his (testator's) son in law). To *Richard Walmisley*, his son in law, "one siluer tuine wth a coul pcell gilt to remaine vnto him duringe the terme of his liffe and then vnto heires as an heire lowme for ever." To *Ellen Walmisley* his daughter, wife of the said *Richard Walmisley*, 20s. To *Richard Osbaldeston*, of Showley, gentleman, 3s. 4d. And the testator declared that whereas he had by Indenture, dated 20 March, 1621-2, enfeoffed unto the said *Gerrard Walmisley*, his heirs and assigns, all those his fee simple lands, &c. in Brinhill, Walton in le dale, and Whittle in the Woodes, to such uses as he should by his will declare, he thereby declared and gave to the use of the said *Gerrard*

¹ Jenetta.

² In Leyland parish.

Walmisley and the heirs of his body, all the said messuages, &c. mentioned in the said recited deed; and for default to the use of *Thomas Walmisley*, 3rd son of the said *Richard Walmisley*, and the heirs of his body; and for default to the use of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th sons of the said *Richard Walmisley* by the said *Ellen Walmisley*, his wife; and for default to the use of the right heirs of the said *Richard Walmisley* by the said *Ellen* for ever. And the testator mentioned that there were two tithe barns assigned to him in trust by *Peter Burscough*, in Whittle and Curden. All the residue of his goods remaining after the payment of his legacies and funeral expenses, and all leases "and other goods of what nature or kinde soeū," he gave and bequeathed unto the said *Gerrard Walmisley* and to *Jenett*, his (the testator's) wife, equally between them. And he desired the said *Richard Osbaldeston*, his worshipful good friend, to be supervisor of that his will. And he made the said *Richard Walmisley*, his son in law, and *Jenett*, his (the testator's) wife, the executors of his will. And, after revoking all wills theretofore made by him, he duly executed his said will. As by the aforesaid deed and will, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears.

The lands and tenements in Walton le dale are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. nothing during the several terms aforesaid. The lands and tenements in Brinhill are held of the Most Noble *William, Earl of Devonshire*, in free and common socage by fealty and rent, and are worth per ann. nothing during the terms aforesaid. The lands and tenements in Whittle in le woodes are held of the lords of Whittle in le woodes, viz. of *James Anderton*, and lately of *Alexander Standish* (deceased), and now of *Thomas Standishe*, his son, Esqs., in free and common socage by fealty and rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s.

William Gerrard died, being so seised, 24 March last past [1621-22]; *Ellen Walmisley* is his daughter and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 26 years and more; *Jenett*, late his wife, still survives at Brinhill.

John Haddocke, of Coppul, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Chorley, 18 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Haddocke*, late of Coppul,¹ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *John Haddocke*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 12 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow, in Coppull, together with common of pasture for all his cattle in the wastes of Coppull; also of 6 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow, in Langtree,² together with common of pasture for all his cattle in the wastes of Langtree. *John Haddocke*, long before his death, was likewise seised in fee of the reversion of 3 acres of land, in Heskine,³ expectant upon a term of 99 years from 1 Feb., A.D. 1618[-19], if a certain *John Wallell* and *Janet* his wife, or either of them, should live so long, which said *John Wallell* and *Janet* still survive.

The Jurors do not know of whom or by what service the messuages, lands, &c. in Coppull are held. The aforesaid 6 acres of land, &c. in Langtree are held of *Thomas Langtree*, Esq., in free socage, viz. by fealty and the yearly rent of 12*d*, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6*s*. The lands in Heskine are held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4*d*.

John Haddocke, being so seised, died at Coppull 1 Feb. last past [1621-22]; *Roger Haidocke* is his son and heir, and was aged at the time of his father's death 7 years and 5 days. *Elizabeth*, the widow of *John Haidocke*, still survives at Coppul.

Roger Rycroft, of Aspull, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Manchester, 19 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Roger Rycroft*, late of Aspull,³ gentleman,

¹ In Standish parish. ² In Eccleston parish. ³ In Wigan parish.

by the oath of *Edmund Tetlowe, Richard Tonge, George Kenlon, James Oppenshaw, John Duncalffe, William Dicconson, James Lummax, Edmund Whithead, Edmund Byrome, John Oppenshaw, Ellis Fletcher, Roger Become, William Ogden, William Bradshawe, Richard Hewood, Thomas Bolton, John Olred, John Ouldome, Thomas Doodson, Francis Bowker, George Clough, and Ralph Sundiforth*, gentlemen, who say that *Roger Rycrofte* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 10 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow and 5 acres of pasture, in Aspull, which are held of *Miles Gerrard, Esq.*, as of his manor of Aspull, by the 100th part of a knight's fee and 16*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20*s.*

Roger Rycrofte died at Aspull 15 Dec., 10 James [1612], and *Roger Rycrofte*, the younger, son of *William Rycrofte* (late deceased), eldest son of *Roger*, is his kinsman and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 19 years and 10 months.

Edmund Fleetwood, Esquire.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 23 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Edmund Fleetwood, Esq.*, by the oath of *John Roades, James Walle, Henry Walmisley, Richard Taylor, Richard Whalley, John Sumpner, Thomas Walmisley, John Hardman, Thomas Blackburne, John Charneley, Richard Jackeson, James Archer, Henry Cowborne, Henry Hodgkinson, draper, Ellis Sumpner, John Jenkinson, and James Sudell*, gentlemen, who say that *Edmund Fleetwood* was seised in fee of 1 grange called "Rosshall Grange" in Thornton,¹ and of 2 messuages called "Rotherham" in Thornton; and of 4 messuages, 500 acres of land, meadow and pasture, and of 200 acres of moor, 200 acres of marsh, and 200 acres of waste in Thornton; and of the manors of Norbrecke² and Little Bispham;² and 10 messuages, 200 acres of land, meadow and pasture, and 100 acres of waste in Norbrecke and Little Bispham; and of half the manors of Hackensall³ and Prisoe,³

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¹ In Poulton le Fylde parish.

² In Bispham parish.

³ In Lancaster parish.

and of 20 messuages, 200 acres of land, meadow and pasture, and 100 acres of moss, in Prisoe and Hackensall; and of 1 capital messuage, 120 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Worsley¹ and Little Hulton;² and of 3 messuages and 20 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Tildesley;³ and of the manors of Laiton,⁴ Marton,⁵ and Great Bispham; and of 3 messuages, 40 acres of land, 500 acres of waste, and 500 acres of moss, in Laiton, Marton, and Great Bispham; and of 6 messuages and 40 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Poulton; and of the Advowson of the Vicarage of Poulton.

The grange, &c., in Thornton, the manors of Norbrecke and Little Bispham, and the premises in Norbrecke and Little Bispham, are held of *the King* by military service, by the 20th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5. The half of the manors of Prisoe and Hackensall, and the premises in Prisoe and Hackensall are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage by fealty and 2s. rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The capital messuage and premises in Worsley and Little Hulton are held of *Peter Leigh*, Knt., and *Dorothy*, his wife, as of their manor of Worsley, by fealty and 6d. rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. The premises in Tildesley are held of *Christopher Anderton*, Esq., as of his manor of Tildesley, in free and common socage by fealty and 6d. rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The manors of Laiton, Marton, and Great Bispham, and the premises in Laiton, Marton, and Great Bispham are held of *the King* by military service, by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The premises in Poulton and the Advowson of Poulton Church are held of *the King* by military service, by the 300th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s.

Edmund Fleetwood died 30 March, 20 James [1622]; and *Paul Fleetwood*, Esq., his son and heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 46 years and more.

¹ In Eccles parish.

² In Deane parish.

³ In Leigh parish.

⁴ In Bispham parish.

⁵ In Poulton le Fylde parish.

Thomas Charter, of Hackensall, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston, 23 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Charter*, late of Hackensall,¹ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Thomas Charter* was seised in fee of 8 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Hackensall, which are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 8s.

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Thomas Charter died 24 March last past [1621-22], and *George Charter*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 15 years and more.

George Buller, of Singleton.

Inquisition taken at Preston, 23 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *George Buller* of Singleton,² by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *George Buller* was seised in fee of 4 cottages and 10 acres of arable land, meadow and pasture, in Lea,³ which are held of *Richard Houghton*, Knt. and Bart., as of his manor of Lea, in free and common socage by fealty, by the yearly rent of 5s. 8d. and by suit at the Baron's Court of the said *Richard Houghton*, Knt., of the manor of Lea, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

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George Buller died 10 April, 37 Eliz. [1595]; *William Buller* is his son and next heir, and was aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 34 years.

Laurence Cowborne, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 23 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Escheator, after the death of *Laurence Cowborne*, gentleman, by the oath of

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¹ In Lancaster parish. ² In Kirkham parish. ³ In Preston parish.

the same Jurors, who say that *Lawrence Cowborne*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 12 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow and 12 acres of pasture, in Freckleton;¹ also of half an acre of land in Freckleton purchased by *Lawrence Cowborne* from *Edmund Mollineux* and *Henry Bowers*, gentleman.

Lawrence Cowborne, being so seised, by a Fine levied at Lancaster, conveyed the premises to *Richard Harrison* and *William Bryninge* and their heirs for ever, to the use of the said *Lawrence* for his life, and after his decease, as to one 3rd part of the premises aforesaid, to the use of *Alice* and *Elizabeth Cowborne*, his daughters, until the coming of age (21 years) of *William*, son and heir apparent of the said *Lawrence*. And immediately after he should have attained the age of 21 years, as to the said 3rd part, and as to the residue of all the premises immediately after the decease of the said *Lawrence*, to the use of the said *William* for life; and after his decease to the use of the first-born and other sons of *William* successively in tail male, and in default to the use of the first-born and every other daughter of the said *William Cowborne*, and the heirs of her body successively in tail; and for default to the use of *Alice*, elder daughter of the said *Lawrence*, and her heirs male; and for default to the use of *Elizabeth*, younger daughter of *Lawrence*, and her heirs; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Lawrence* for ever, as by an Indenture dated 1 April, 20 James [1622], and made between himself of the one part, and *Richard Harrison* and *William Bryninge* of the other part, appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, the said *Lawrence Cowborne* was seised of all the premises in freehold for his life, with remainders as aforesaid.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land (purchased as aforesaid) is held of the King, in free and common socage, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only and the yearly rent of 12d., and is worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The aforesaid messuage and all other the lands, &c. in Freckleton, are held of the King in capite, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 25s.

¹ In Kirkham parish.

Lawrence Cowborne, being so seised, died on the last day of May last past [1622] at Freckleton; and *William*, his son and heir apparent, was aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 8 years 11 months and 2 weeks. *Isabella*, widow of the said *Lawrence*, still survives at Freckleton.

John Slater, of Newton.

Inquisition taken at Garstange, 24 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Slater*, late of Newton,¹ by the oath of *Thomas Waller*, *James Barnes*, *Thomas Dicconson*, *John Williamson*, *Richard Chapman*, *William Widder*, *John Jackson*, *Thomas Horneby*, *Thomas Lodge*, *Edmund Holme*, *Richard Pearson*, *Thomas Ashton*, *Christopher Benison*, *Thomas Masheter*, *Thomas Huetson*, *James Garner*, *Anthony Wilkinson*, *John France*, *Thomas Clarke*, and *William Coocke*, gentlemen, who say that *John Slater*, on the day of his death, was seised in fee of 1 messuage, and 16 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Newton, which are held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage by fealty only, and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

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John Slater died 1 Oct., 18 James [1620]; *Jenett*,² late his wife, still survives at Newton; *William Slater* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 6 years and 3 months.

John Marshall, of Torrisholme, Yeoman.

Inquisition taken at Garstange, 24 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the

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¹ There are at least seven places called Newton in Lancashire; perhaps Newton, in Whittington parish, in Lonsdale hundred, is here meant, as the wills of certain Slaters of Newton and Whittington are filed in the Lonsdale deanery.—*List of Richmond Wills*.

² *Jenneta*.

death of *John Marshall*, late of Torrisholme,¹ yeoman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *John Marshall*, long before and at the time of his death, was seised in fee of 1 messuage and tenement, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 12 acres of arable land, 6 acres of meadow, 4 acres of pasture, and 20 acres of waste and common in Torrisholme, which are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free socage, and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and by the yearly rent of 5*d.*, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20*s.* 2*d.*

John Marshall died 16 Feb. last past [1621-22], and *Robert Marshall* is his son and next heir, and was aged when this Inquisition was taken 20 years and 2 months. *Elizabéth Marshall*, his widow, still survives.

William Heaton, of Newton.

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Inquisition taken at Garstange, 24 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Heaton* of Newton,² by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *William Heaton* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 barn, 1 garden, and 18 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Newton, which are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage by fealty only, and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10*s.*

William Heaton died 16 Jan., 8 James [1610-11]; *William Bland* is his kinsman and next heir, viz. the son and heir of *Agnes Bland*, eldest sister of the said *William Heaton*, and was aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 56 years and more.

Thomas Hadwen, of Carnford, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Garstange, 24 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the

¹ In Lancaster parish.

² In Whittington parish.—*List of Richmond Wills.*

death of *Thomas Hadwen*, late of Carneford,¹ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Thomas Hadwen* was seised in fee of 10 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Carneford, which are held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, *in capite*, by the 200th part of a knight's fee and by 3*s.* 8*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3*s.* 4*d.*

Thomas Hadwen died at Carneford 15 May, 19 James [1621], and *Robert Hadwen*, his son and heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 23 years and 9 months.

Ralph Snart, of Wigan, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 26 Sept., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Ralph Snart*, late of Wigan, gentleman, by the oath of *Thomas Gerrard*, *Thomas Banckes*, *James Markland*, *Richard Turner*, *Roger Baron*, *Roger Bullocke*, *Robert Gorton*, *Miles Aynscowe*, *Peter Langton*, *Adam Aspull*, *James Gorton*, *Christopher Banckes*, *William Higham*, *Roger Bradshawe*, *Charles Leigh*, *Geoffrey Sherrington*, and *Nicholas Penington*, gentlemen, who say that *Ralph Snart* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 4 cottages, 5 gardens, and 13 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Ince,² which are held of *Thomas Gerrard*, Esq., as of his manor of Ince, in free and common socage by fealty and 3*s.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10*s.* So seised, by indenture dated 22 Dec., 19 James [1621], he enfeoffed *James Snart*, of Wigan, panner, *James Scott*, of Wigan, pewterer, *James Patricke*, of Wigan, panner, and *Thomas Ince*, of Ince in Makerfield, yeoman, of the said premises, to the use of himself during his life, and after his death to the use of the said *James Snart*, *James Scott*, *James Patricke*, and *Thomas Ince*, until *Katherine Snart*, daughter of him the said *Ralph Snart*, should come to the age of 16 years, and afterwards to the use of *Elizabeth Snart*, another daughter, and her heirs; and in default to the use of the said *Katherine* and her heirs; and in default to the use of *William Snart*, brother of the said *Ralph*, and his

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¹ In Warton parish.

² In Wigan parish.

heirs; and in default to the use of the right heirs of *Ralph Snart* for ever.

Ralph Snart died at Wigan 1 May last past [1622], and *Katherine* and *Elizabeth* are his daughters and co-heirs. *Katherine* is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 4 years and 2 months, and *Elizabeth* 7 years and 3 months.

Francis Pendleton, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Manchester, 1 Oct., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Francis Pendleton*, gentleman, by the oath of *George Tippin[g]* of Manchester, *John Nuttall* of Blackely, *Thomas Irelome* of Barton, *Adam Jepson* of Moston, *Edmund Platt*, of Platt, *John Barlowe* of Lostocke, *John Hulton* of Synderland, *Edward Massie* of Manchester, *Ralph Holt* of the same, *Ralph Hobson* of Ashton under Lyne, *John Soundiforth* of Deneshutt, *John Beswicke* of Droylesden, *Edmund Whithead* of Lynd, *John Winterbottome* of Ashton under Lyne, gentlemen, who say that *Francis Pendleton*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 2 messuages and 4 shops in Manchester, in or near a certain place or lane there, commonly called "le Smithie dore," then in the several tenures of *Gaynor Hardy*, widow, *Edward Tickill*, *Thomas Royle*, *William Lea*, *Ralph Radcliffe*, *Francis Wosencrofte*, *Alexander Potter*, *Daniel Travys*, and *William Wosencrofte* or their assigns, and which were lately purchased by *Francis Pendleton* to himself and his heirs of one *George Bowden* of Bowden, in the county of Derby, gentleman.

Francis Pendleton, being so seised, by deed dated 19 Oct., 1610, in consideration of a certain marriage agreed upon, and afterwards solemnised between him the said *Francis Pendleton* and one *Sarah Baryslowe*, gave and granted all the aforesaid messuages, shops, and other the premises in Manchester to *Abraham* and *Edward Hemingwaye* and their heirs, to the uses following, viz. to the use of himself, *Francis Pendleton*, and *Sarah Baryslowe* for the life of the survivor of them, in recompence of dower of the aforesaid *Sarah*;

and, after the decease of both of them, to the use of the heirs male of the said *Francis* by the said *Sarah*; and for default to the heirs male of the body of the said *Francis Pendleton*; and for default to the heirs of the said *Francis* by the said *Sarah*; and for default to the use of the right heirs of the said *Francis* for ever. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, the said *Francis* and *Sarah* were seised of the premises, with remainders as aforesaid. Afterwards the marriage between the said *Francis* and *Sarah* was celebrated at Manchester, and they had issue male one *Edward Pendleton*, their son, who still survives at Manchester, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 11 years 2 months and 17 days.

Francis Pendleton was likewise, long before his death, seised in fee of 1 messuage, 10 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow and 6 acres of pasture, in Manchester, lying near a certain place called "Grundye lane"; also of 2 messuages, 1 barn, and 1 acre of land in Manchester, lying in or near a certain lane called "le Marketsted lane," and lately in the tenure of him the said *Francis Pendleton*, *Henry Hylton*, *Thurstan Bradbury*, and *Robert Jaques*, or their assigns; also of 2 messuages, 1 barn, and 2 gardens in Manchester, lying near a certain place called "Withingreave," and then or lately in the tenure of *Robert Sotherne*, *Robert Towneley*, and *Ralph Whitworth*. He, being so seised, a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday, in the 5th week of Lent, 16 James [1618], between *Otho Holland* and *Thomas Brownesword*, plaintiffs, and *Francis Pendleton*, deforciant of the aforesaid messuages, lands, and other the premises last mentioned, which said Fine was levied to the uses and agreements contained in a certain Indenture dated 11 Oct., 1619, and made between the said *Francis Pendleton* of the one part, and the said *Otho Holland* and *Thomas Brownesword*, and *James Cheetham* and *William Sparke*, gentlemen, of the other part, the tenor whereof is as follows:—[Here the Indenture is set out at length in English.] That in consideration of the love which the said *Francis Pendleton* bore to *Francis*, his son and heir apparent, and for the estating of all the said premises to remain in the name and blood of him the said *Francis*, and to the uses thereafter expressed, and in performance

of an agreement formerly had betwixt him (the said *Francis*) of the one part, and the said *Otho Holland* of the other part concerning the levying of the said Fine, and for other causes and considerations, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, the said *Francis* did grant, limit and declare to the said *Otho Holland, James Cheetam, Thomas Browne-sword, and William Sparke*, their heirs and assigns, that the said *Otho* and *Thomas*, and the heirs of *Otho* should by virtue of the said Fine be seised of all the said hereditaments, to the uses, provisoies, and agreements thereinafter expressed and declared, viz.:—As to his messuages, burgages, and tenements situate near “the Deanegate” in Manchester, and all those 2 messuages, burgages, and tenements lying in or near the “Withingreave,” to the use of *Francis Pendleton* (the father), and of his heirs and assigns for ever. As to the residue of all the said messuages, burgages, &c. to the use of *Francis Pendleton* (the father) for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Otho Holland, James Cheetam, Thomas Browne-sword, and William Sparke*, and their heirs, during the life of *Francis Pendleton* (the son), upon trust that the issues and profits thereof should be from time to time used and bestowed by them for the said *Francis* (the son), for so much thereof as should in their discretion seem fitting to be so employed for his life. As to the residue of the issues and profits during the lifetime of *Francis* (the son), to the use of such wife, child or children as he (*Francis*, the son) should happen to have; and in default the same residue to be employed to such uses as *Francis* (the father) should by any writing or by his last will appoint. And after the decease of *Francis* (the son) then to the use of his first son and every other son successively in tail male; and for default to the use of the right heirs male of *Francis* (the father), charged as aforesaid; and for default to the right heirs of *Francis* (the father) for ever. And it was further granted and declared by *Francis Pendleton* (the father), and agreed by the other parties, that if *Francis* (the son) should die without issue male, and have one or more daughters by any wife whom he should happen to marry, that then it should be lawful for the said *Otho, James, Thomas, and William*, after

the death of the said *Francis* (the father), to hold the said messuages, burgages, &c. (lastly limited to the use of *Francis Pendleton* (the father) for life), with remainder to *Francis* (the son, as aforesaid), until such time as they (*Otho, James, Thomas, and William*) should have received the sum of £200 for the use of such daughter or daughters of *Francis* (the son) as aforesaid; and for default then the same to be employed for the use of the younger children of *Francis* (the father) in such manner as he by any writing or by his will should appoint; and, for default, to the equal use of the then younger children of him the said *Francis* (the father). By virtue of which Fine and Indenture, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Francis Pendleton* (named in the writ) was seised of the premises aforesaid in freehold for his life, with remainders as aforesaid, together with the liberties and provisoies mentioned in the Indenture last recited; and, being so seised, he afterwards, 14 April, A.D. 1621, at Manchester, made his will, and by the same he gave to *James Cheetam* and *William Sparke*, their heirs and assigns, as follows in English, viz. :—“ And as concerninge such lands leases goods and teſts as it hath pleased god to blesse me wthall my will and mynde is that such conveance as I have formerly made to or for the vse of *Sara* my nowe wyfe or of any my son or sonnes, childe or Children shall continue remayne and bee to the ſeuall & reſpective uſes intente and purposes And accordinge to the true meanyng of the ſaid conveance and accordinge to the ſeuall libties vnto mee reſerued in & by the ſaid conveance I doe give & bequeath vnto my brother *James Cheetam* and my Cossen *Will'm Sparke* theire heires & assignes for eu^l all those twoe messuages burgages & teſts and one barne wth thapp'tenſe in or neare the Withingreave in Manchester aforesaid nowe or late in the ſeuall or other houldings or occupaſons of *Robert Sotherne Rob'te* [?] *Towneley & Ralph Whitworth*, eu^l or any of them to the intent that the ſaid *James Cheetam & Will'm Sparke* ſhall or may ſell or convaye awaye the ſame & eu^l or any of them at the full value to any perſon or perſons whatſoeu^l for & towards the paym^t & ſatisfacſon of ſuch debtes as I doe or ſhall owe or bee indebted to any perſon or perſons whatſoeu^l, And I doe likewayes by vertue of the authoritie to mee

reserved by thaforesaid conveynnce give & bequeath vnto the said *James Cheetam* & *Will'm Sparke* the some of twoe hundredth poundes to bee yssueinge & peable forth of such my lands & accordinge as the same is menconed & reserved in & by one Indenture bearinge date the xjth daye of october 1619 made betwene mee of the one ptie & *Otho Holland*, *James Cheetam*, *Thomas Brownesword* & *Will'm Sparke* gent of thother ptie the said some of twoe hundredth pounds to bee for the vse & behoofe of my sonnes *Henry* & *Thomas* & of my daughters *Mary* & *Martha* equally to be divided betwene them the survivo^r & survivo^{rs} of them & euery of them."

The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Manchester lying near "Grundy lane," are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.; the other messuages, lands, tenements, and all the premises whatsoever in Manchester are held of *Edward Moseley* (now in the custody of *the King* by reason of his minority) as of his manor of Manchester, in free and common socage by fealty and the rent of and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

Francis Pendleton died 22 April, 19 James [1621]; *Francis* is his son and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 14 years 4 months and 5 days. *Sarah*, his widow, is still surviving at Manchester, and she has had and taken the issues and profits of all the lands and tenements aforesaid from the death of the said *Francis* up to the day of the taking of this Inquisition.

Sir Edmund Trafford, of Trafford, Knight.

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Inquisition taken at Manchester, 1 Oct., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Edmund Trafford*, late of Trafford, Knt., by the oath of *Alexander Barlowe*, Knt., *Edward Holland*, *John Greenhalgh*, *Leonard Ashowe*, *Edmund Prestwich*, *Oswald Mosley*, *Thomas Strangwich*, and *Thomas Holland*, Esqs., and

William Radcliffe, Humphrey Booth, George Tippinge, John Nuttall, James Cheettam, Lawrence Bradgshalgh, Alexander Radcliffe, Adam Jepson, Edmund Platt, James Barlowe, and Edward Massie, gentlemen, who say that Edmund Trafford long before his death was seised in fee of the manors of Trafford,¹ Stretford,² and Barton on Irwell;¹ also of 100 messuages, 100 tofts, 5 water-mills, 160 gardens, 500 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, 500 acres of moor, and 40s. rent, in Trafford, St[r]etford, Manchester, Lostocke,¹ Wigan, Barton on Irwell, E[r]lam,¹ Hulme,¹ Bromehurst,¹ Crofte¹, Dumplington¹, and Eccles. He being so seised, on Monday, in the 4th week of Lent, 9 James [1611], at Lancaster, a fine was levied between William, Lord St. John, James, Lord Strange, Edward Cecill, and George Leicester, Knts., and George Ca[l]veley and John Dove, Esquires, plaintiffs, and the aforesaid Edmund Trafford, Knt., deforciant, of the manors, tenements, and rent aforesaid, by the name of the manors of Trafford, Stretford, and Barton on Irwell, and of 300 messuages, 100 tofts, 5 water-mills, 360 gardens, 1,000 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and heath, 500 acres of moor, and 40s. rent, in Trafford, Stretford, Manchester, Salford, Levens-hulme,² Lostocke,¹ Wigan, Fullowfeild,² Rushehulme,² Barton on Irwell, Erlam, Holme,² Bromehurst, Crofte, Dumplington, and Eccles, which said fine was levied to the several uses mentioned in certain Indentures, dated 18 March, 9 James [1611-12], and made between Edmund Trafford of the one part, and Lord Saint John, Lord Strange, Edward Cecill, George Leicester, George Calvely, and John Dove of the other part, and hereafter mentioned in the present Inquisition, viz., to the use of Edmund Trafford for his life without impeachment of waste, and with full power and authority to sell and dispose of the trees and woods standing upon the premises. And also to the use of all other persons to and for such estates, terms, and interests, be they estates in fee-simple, fee tail, for terms of lives or years, or at will or otherwise, as Edmund Trafford at any time thereafter during his life, by

¹ In Eccles parish.

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² In Manchester parish.

any deed or by his will in writing, should declare as to all or any part of the premises. And after his decease, and immediately upon the determination of the aforesaid several estates, terms, and interests, so to be limited and declared by him as aforesaid, as the same should respectively end, then to the use of one *Cecill Trafford*, now Knt., one of the sons of *Edmund Trafford*, and the heirs male of his body ; and for default to the other several uses with the remainder in the aforesaid Indenture specified, as by the said Indenture shown to the Jurors appears. After the making of this Indenture, *Edmund Trafford* never appointed any other uses, estates, or interests in the aforesaid manors, tenements, and rent, as appears to the Jurors upon the taking of this Inquisition.

Edmund Trafford long before his death was further seised in fee of the moiety of the manors of Bollyn and Norcliff, in the county of Chester ; also of the moiety of 50 messuages, 20 cottages, 500 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 90 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, and 50s. rent in Bollyn and Norcliff, and in Hough, Pownall, Chorley, Morley, Stonyland, Deanerowe, Fulshawe, and Wylmeslowe, in the county of Chester ; and also of the Advowson of the Church of Wylmeslowe. He being so seised, a fine was levied at Lancaster 29 Sept., 42 Eliz. [1600], between *Edward Cecill*, Esq., and *John Savage*, Knt., plaintiffs, and the said *Edmund Trafford*, then Esq. and afterwards Knt., deforcliant, of the moiety of the manors and premises aforesaid, by the name of the moiety of the manors of Bollyn and Norcliffe, and the moiety of 100 messuages, 40 cottages, 600 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 90 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, and 50s. rent in Bollyn and Norcliffe, and also of the Advowson of the Church of Wilmeslowe, to the several uses mentioned in certain Indentures dated 27 Sept., 42 Eliz. [1600], and made between *Edmund Trafford* of the one part, and *Edward Cecill* and *John Savage* of the other part as follows :—viz. to the use of *Edmund Trafford* for his life without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease to the use of *Cecill Trafford*, son of the said *Edmund* by *Lady Mildred*, then his wife, and to the heirs male of the body of the said *Cecill* ; and for default to the other several uses in remainder in the Indenture last

mentioned limited and specified, as by the said Indenture shown to the Jurors appears. By virtue of the premises, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Edmund Trafford*, being seised as well of all the premises in the county of Lancaster as of those in the county of Chester, died so seised. *Cecil Trafford*, by virtue of the premises, immediately after his father's death entered into, and was seised of, all the premises aforesaid to himself and his heirs male, and had and took the issues and profits thereof from that time until now, in his own proper right.

The manor of Trafford, and other the premises in Trafford, are held of *the King*, in free and common socage as of his manor of Salford, by fealty and the yearly rent of 5s., and are worth per ann. (clear) 20 marks. The manor of Stretford, and other the premises in Stretford, are held of the heirs of *Geoffrey Massie*, Esq., deceased, in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 1 pair of gloves, and are worth per ann. (clear) £10. The Manor of Barton on Irwell, and other the premises in Barton, Lostocke, Erlam, Hulme, Bromehurst, Dumplington, and Eccles are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by the 20th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5. The messuages and other the premises in Manchester are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., in free socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The messuages and other the premises in Wigan are held of *John*, Bishop of *Chester*, Rector of the Church of Wigan, as of his manor of Wigan, in right of his Rectory, by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The moiety of the manors of Bollyn and Norcliffe and other the premises in Hough, Pownall, Chorley, Morley, Stonyland, Deanerowe, Fulshawe, and Wilmeslowe are held of the Most Illustrious *Charles*, Prince of *Wales*, as Earl of *Chester*, by knight's service, viz. by the 3rd part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £40.

Edmund Trafford died at Trafford 7 May, 18 James [1620]; *Edmund* is his son and heir, and was aged at the time of his father's death 36 years and more. *Cecil Trafford*, Knt., still survives at Trafford.

Thomas Ashton, of Croston, Esquire.

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4 Oct.

1622.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 4 Oct., 20 James [1622], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator, after the death of Thomas Ashton, late of Croston, Esq., by the oath of William Chorley, Esq., Thurstan Standishe, William Tootell, Hugh Tootell, Thomas Wasley, John Waringe, John Halliwell, John Withnell, John Brindle, John Leyland, William Hauckshead, Thomas Aynscowe, Hugh Nightgall, Thomas Hauckshead, and Alexander Breres, gentlemen, who say that Thomas Ashton, long before his death, was seised in fee of the reversion of a moiety of 1 capital messuage called "Littlewood" in Ulneswalton;¹ also of the reversion of 30 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 20 acres of moor and moss, and 20 acres of furze and heath, in Ulneswalton, expectant upon the term and estate, which Alice, Countess of Derby, widow, then had and still has for the term of her life for her dower as of freehold.*

He, being so seised, by Indenture dated 21 Sept., 19 James [1621], and made between himself of the 1st part, *William Elston* of Brockhall of the 2nd part, and *Henry Ashton*, son of *William Ashton* (named in the writ) and *Juliana Elston*, daughter of *William Elston*, of the 3rd part, in performance of articles of agreement made 3 Sept. in the same year between the said *Thomas Ashton* of the one part, and *William Elston* of the other part, concerning a marriage agreed to be solemnized, which afterwards, and before the taking of this Inquisition, was solemnized between the said *Henry* and *Juliana*, and in consideration of the said marriage, and for the better preferment of the said *Henry* and *Juliana*, and in consideration of a certain surrender made by the said *Henry* to *Thomas Ashton* of a certain prior demise dated 26 July, 15 James [1617], made by *Thomas* to *Henry* of all the premises in Ulneswalton, the said *Thomas* on the same 21 Sept., 19 James [1621], for himself, his heirs and assigns, covenanted with the said *William Elston*, *Henry Ashton*, and *Juliana Elston*, their heirs and assigns, that he (*Thomas*) and his heirs, and every other person and their heirs, who then were, or afterwards should be, seised of the said lands in

¹ In Croston parish.

Ulneswalton, should from thenceforth stand seised of the said moiety of the said messuage, and of the said lands and tenements in Ulneswalton, to the several uses afterwards recited in this Inquisition, viz. to the use of *Thomas Ashton* and his assigns for the term of his natural life, and, after his decease, then to the use of *Henry Ashton* for his life; and after his decease, to the use of *Juliana Elston*, for her life; and, after the decease of every of them, to the use of *Henry Ashton*, his executors and assigns, for the term of 31 years next following, the said *Henry* and *Juliana* and their assigns, during their several terms, severally and successively paying yearly to the right heirs and assigns of *Thomas Ashton* the annual rent of £6 : 13 : 4. And upon the determination of the said estates, terms, and interests, as they should happen to determine, to the use of *Thomas Ashton* and his heirs male, and for default to the use of *Thomas Ashton* and his heirs for ever, as by the said Indenture, shown to the Jurors, appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Thomas Ashton* (named in the writ) was seised of the reversion of the said moiety; also of the reversion of the said lands and tenements in Ulneswalton for his life, with remainders as aforesaid.

The Jurors also say that *Thomas Ashton* was, for a term of 39 years next following the Feast of Christmas, 1 James [1603] (if one *Colthurst* should so long live), by reason of a certain demise made to the said *Thomas Ashton* by the said *Richard Colthurst*, dated 30 Jan., 1 James [1603-4], possessed of the moiety of the manors of Maudesley¹ and Croston; and he was also seised of the 4th part of the manor of Longton; and of 3 messuages, 9 cottages, 5 orchards, 12 gardens, 30 acres of land, 15 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 40 acres of moss, 40 acres of moor, 100 acres of furze and heath, 18s. free rent, in Maudesley; and of 11 messuages, 11 cottages, 4 tofts, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 1 water-mill, 150 acres of land, 160 acres of pasture, 40 acres of meadow, 14 acres of wood, 100 acres of moss, 200 acres of furze and heath, and 25s. free rent, in Croston; and of 6 messuages, 5 cottages, 3 tofts, 12 gardens, 10 orchards, 30 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 60 acres of marsh,

¹ In Croston parish.

100 acres of moor, 100 acres of moss, 205 acres of furze and heath, and 9s. $10\frac{1}{2}d.$ free rent, in Longton;¹ also of 8s. rent in Chorley; also of 8s. rent in Tarleton, the reversion thereof expectant to the said *Richard Colthurst* for the term of 40 years next following the Feast of Christmas, 1 James [1603], by reason of a certain demise made to him by *Thomas Ashton* (named in the writ) 29 Jan., 1 James [1603], the reversion thereof expectant to the said *Thomas* and his heirs for ever. He, being so seised of the said moiety of the said manors, &c. by Indenture dated 4 Feb., 1 James [1603-4], for divers good considerations then moving him, and in performance of the intentions mentioned in the said Indenture, granted to *John Gidlowe, James Haworth, Richard Hodgson, and William Finch* and their assigns the aforesaid moiety of the manors, &c. and all other the lands above mentioned; to hold to them and their assigns for the term of 50 years next following the death of the said *Thomas*, without impeachment of waste, to the several uses specified in the said Indenture, as by the said Indenture, shown to the Jurors, appears. Afterwards *Thomas*, by Indenture dated 5 Feb., 1 James [1603-4], and made between himself of the one part, and *Thomas Hesketh*, Knt., deceased, then Attorney General, *Ralph Ashton*, late of Leaver, Esq., deceased, *John Middleton*, of Middleton Hall, in Westmoreland, Esq., *John Cranfield*, late of Roberthall, in Lancashire, Esq., deceased, and *John Ashton*, late of Penketh, Esq., deceased, of the other part, conveyed, granted, and agreed for himself and his heirs with the said *Thomas Hesketh, Ralph Ashton, John Middleton, John Cranfield, and John Ashton*, their heirs and assigns, in consideration of the love which he bore to their sons and kinsmen² (mentioned in the said Indenture), and to their children, that he, his heirs and assigns, should be seised of the said moiety of the said manors, &c. to the several uses mentioned in the said Indenture and in this Inquisition, viz. to the use of the said *Thomas Ashton*, for his life without impeachment of waste, and after his decease to the use of *Richard Ashton* (now deceased, but then surviving), the eldest son and heir apparent of *Thomas Ashton* (named in the writ), and of his assigns, during his life without impeachment of waste,

¹ In Penwortham parish.

² Cognatis.

and after his decease to the use of the first-born and every other son of the said *Richard*, and to the heirs male of such first-born and other sons successively, and for default to the several uses of divers persons (mentioned in the said Indenture) and to their heirs male, and for default to the use of *Thomas Ashton* and his right heirs for ever, as by the Indenture appears.

By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Thomas Ashton* was seised of the said moiety of the said manors &c. in his demesne as of freehold for life (with remainders thereof expectant as aforesaid), and, being so seised, he died. *Thomas Ashton* is his kinsman and heir, viz. the son and heir of the said *Richard Ashton*, deceased, son and heir of *Thomas Ashton* (named in the writ), and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 17 years 1 month and 24 days. *Richard Ashton* died at Maudesley, 1 July, 19 James [1621]. *Thomas Ashton* (named in the writ) died at Croston, 24 Feb. last past [1621-22].

The moiety of the aforesaid messuage, lands, and tenements in Ulneswalton are held of the *King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 30th part of a knight's fee, and are worth nothing per annum during the life of the said *Alice, Countess of Derby* (who is still surviving), but after her decease they will be worth 40s. The moiety of the manor of Croston and all other the premises in Croston are held of Lord *Mountegle* by knight's service, as of his manor of [blank], and are worth nothing during the term of 50 years aforesaid, but afterwards they will be worth per ann. (clear) £6 : 13 : 4. The 4th part of the manor of Longton and all other the premises in Longton are held of the *King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, but by what service the Jurors do not know, and are worth nothing during the said term of 50 [sic] years, but afterwards they will be worth 60s. The moiety of the manor of Maudesley and all and singular the premises in Maudesley are held of the *lords of the Hundred of Leyland* in socage by fealty only, and are worth nothing per annum during the said term of 50 years, but afterwards they will be worth 50s. The rents in Chorley and Tarleton are held, but of whom or by what service the Jurors do not know, and are worth nothing during the said term, but afterwards they will be worth 16s.

John Holte, of Stuble, Esquire.

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8 Jan.
1622-23.

Inquisition taken at Manchester, 8 Jan., 20 Jas. [1622-3], before *John Greehalgh, . . . Radcliffe and Alexander Butterworth, Esqs., Hugh Rigby, Esq., Deputy Escheator, and John Haworth, gentleman, Deputy Feodary of the County, Commissioners, after the death of John Holte, late of Stuble,*¹ Esq., by the oath of *Abel Buckley of Buckley, Esq., John Cudworth of Wernith, John Hutton of Sinderland, Henry Keley of Manchester, Miles Andrewe of Lees, John Hopkin of Lees, Robert Bardesley of Waterhouses, Abraham Stansfield of Hamer, Thomas Newton of Woodhouses, Edward Massie of Manchester, Thomas Ashton of Redish, John Smith of Ashton, Edmund Haywood of [Tanton], Robert Taylor of Hurs hedge, Richard Smith of Littlemosse, Edward Walker of Ashton, James Chadwicke of Roughbancke, John Clough of Woodhouses, Charles Bexwicke of Failesworth, Edmund Whitehead of Birchinlee, and James Travers of Waterside, gentlemen, who say that John Holte was seised in fee of the manors of Hundersfield,¹ Spotland,¹ and Castleton,¹ of 90 messuages, 2 water-mills, 1,200 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 1,200 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood and under-wood, and 3 acres of moor, moss, furze, and heath in Hundersfield, Spotland, Rachedale, Burie, Castleton, Butterworth,¹ Middleton, and Tottington,² of 2 messuages, 20 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 15 acres of pasture in Butterworth, lately purchased by him (John Holte) for himself and his heirs of Gerrard Scolfield, Henry Tong, One Mary Tong, then wife of Henry Tong, now deceased, was then entitled to dower of all the premises aforesaid, of the gift of Charles Holt, late her husband, and late father of John Holt, named in the Commission. He, being so seised, and the said Mary so entitled to dower, by an Indenture tripartite, dated 13 March, 43 Eliz. [1599-1600], and made between himself of the first part, Henry Tonge of Denton, in the county of Durham, Esq., and Mary, then his wife, of the 2nd part, and Nicholas Bannester, of Altham, Esq., Alexander Butterworth, of Butterworth, Esq., Abraham Belfield, of Cleggeswood, and*

¹ In Rochdale parish.

² In Bury parish.

Robert Walkden, of Wardley, yeoman, of the 3rd part, it was agreed, for the considerations therein mentioned, that *John Holte, Henry Tong and Mary*, his wife, before the Feast of Easter then next following, should levy a Fine at Lancaster to the aforesaid *Nicholas Bannester* and *Robert Walkden*, or the survivor of them, and the heirs of one of them, of all the premises aforesaid, and that the said Fine should be for so much of the premises whereof any Common Recovery should be suffered to the use of such "Comisees" to the intent to make them perfect tenants of the premises, viz.:—As to the capital messuage of Stuble, and all the houses, buildings, orchards, gardens, &c. thereto belonging in Stuble, and as to 1 water-mill, and soc, suit, multure, and water-courses to the said mill belonging in Stuble, which said capital messuage, houses, &c. time out of memory have been parcel of the premises above mentioned in Hundersfield and Butterworth, to the use of *John Holte* and his assigns for the term of 80 years then next following, if *Mary Tonge* should so long live, provided that *John Holte* and his assigns should yearly during the term pay to *Henry* and *Mary*, during the life of *Mary*, a certain yearly rent on the days mentioned in the said Indenture in manner and form following:—During the joint lives of *Henry* and *Mary*, at the mansion of the said *Henry*, in Denton, in the county of Durham, and, in case of his decease during her lifetime, then to the said *Mary* or her assigns for life, at Stuble Hall. And upon the determination of the said term of years, or by "effluxion of tyme" or otherwise, then as follows:—As to the capital messuage of Stuble, &c. to the sole use of *Henry* and *Mary* and their assigns for the life of *Mary*; and from and after her decease to the use of *John Holte* (named in the Commission) and the heirs male of his body; and for default to the use of divers other persons named in the said Indenture, in fee tail, with remainder or reversion thereof to *John Holte* and his heirs for ever. If the said yearly rent should not be paid every year during the term aforesaid, the said *Henry* and *Mary* and their assigns (during the life of *Mary*) should quietly hold to their own proper use all the said premises in Stuble. As to all that capital messuage commonly called "Castleton," and the lands and hereditaments to the same belonging, and 1 water-

mill in Castleton, then or lately in the tenure of *John Holt* or his assigns, and as to all the other premises in Castleton wherein the said *John* then or at any other time after the death of his father (*Charles*) had any estate; which said capital messuage and other the premises last mentioned are, and time out of memory have been, parcel of the premises in Castleton. And as to 1 messuage and tenement in Haslomhey, within the parish of Bury, then or lately in the tenure of *Michael Bentley*, being parcel of the premises aforesaid in Bury; and as to 1 messuage called "Newhall" and certain shops and cellars to the same belonging situate in Rachedale, then or lately in the tenure of *John Holt* and his assigns (parcel of the premises in Rachedale whereof *John Holte* was seised as of fee), to the use of *John Holt* and *Dorothy* his wife and their assigns for their lives and for the life of the survivor of them, in the name of jointure for the said *Dorothy*, and in lieu of her dower; and, after the decease of both of them, then to the use of *John Holt* and his heirs male; and for default then to divers other uses specified in the said Indenture, with remainder or reversion thereof to *John Holte* and his heirs for ever. And as to the residue of all the premises wherein no use was before limited, to the use of *John Holt* and his heirs male; and for default to divers other uses, with remainder to *John Holte* and his heirs for ever, as by the said Indenture shown to the Jurors appears.

John Holte being so seised, a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday, in the 5th week of Lent, 43 Eliz. [1601], between *Nicholas Bannester* Esq., and *Robert Walkden*, plaintiffs, and *John Holte*, *Henry Tonge*, Esq., and *Mary*, his wife, deforciants, of all the premises aforesaid by the name of the manors of Naden and Chesam, 200 messuages, 2 mills, 200 gardens, 1,000 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 500 acres of moor, 500 acres of furze and heath, and 100s. rent in Naden, Chesam, Hundersfield, Spotland, Butterworth, Castleton, Bury, and Middleton, to the intent to make *Nicholas Bannester* and *Robert Walkden* tenants in freehold of all the premises aforesaid, by virtue whereof they might suffer a Common Recovery to be had against them according to the agreements aforesaid, as by a Transcript of the Fine shown to the Jurors in evidence appears.

On Monday, in the 5th week of Lent, 43 Eliz. [1601], out of the Court of Chancery at Lancaster *Alexander Butterworth* and *Abraham Belfield* sued a writ of *Ingressu super disseisin in le Post* against *Nicholas Bannester* and *Robert Walkden* of all the premises aforesaid, &c. [Here follows a full account of the case.] It was, therefore, considered by the Court that the said *Alexander* and *Abraham* should recover their seisin against *Nicholas* and *Robert*, by virtue thereof they (*Alexander* and *Abraham*) entered into and were seised of the said premises. By pretext whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *John Holt* was respectively possessed and seised of all the said premises, for the several estates charged and chargeable as aforesaid, with remainder and reversion thereof as aforesaid, and he died being so seised thereof.

Henry Tonge died 26 Nov., 13 James [1615], at Denton; *Mary*, his widow, still survives at Castleton.

On 24 Aug., 20 James [1622], at Castleton, *John Holt* made his Will in writing, and appointed *Dorothy*, his wife, and *Robert Holt*, his son and heir, executors thereof, as by the said Will, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears.

The yearly rent above mentioned and limited to be paid to *Mary Tonge* was so paid by *John Holt* from time to time during his lifetime, and after his decease the said sum, or so much thereof as had accrued to be payable, was in like manner paid by *Dorothy* and *Robert*.

The manors, messuages, lands, and other the premises in Hundersfield, Butterworth, Spotland, and Tottington (except the 2 messuages in Butterworth lately purchased by *John Holt* of *Gerrard Scholfield*) are held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 40th part of a knight's fee and by 26s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) £20. The manor of Castleton, together with the messuages, lands, and other the premises in Castleton (except certain lands and tenements there containing 100 acres of land and 220 acres of waste, in the several tenures of *Alexander Holt*, *David Holt*, *Edmund Duorden*, *Roger Chadwick*, *John Scolefield*, *James Scolefield*, *Richard Holt*, *Robert Colling*, *Anthony Mylne*, and *Robert Gorrell* or their assigns, and formerly purchased by *Charles Holt*, father of *John Holt* named in the writ, for himself and his heirs of

William Gryse and *Charles Newcomen*; and except 4 messuages or tenements in Balderston within Castleton, now or lately in the several tenures of *Richard Witworth*, *James Whitworth*, *Otwell Worrall*, and *Edmund Feild*, or their assigns, and formerly purchased by *Charles Holt* for himself and his heirs of *John Talbot*, Esq.), are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 10th part of a knight's fee and by 2*s.* 4*½d.* yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) £6. 10*s.* The lands, tenements, and other the premises in Castleton (before excepted) are held of *the King*, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only, in free socage, and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40*s.* The 4 messuages and tenements and other the premises in Balderston within Castleton (before excepted) are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5*s.* The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Bury are held of the Most Noble *William*, Earl of *Derby*, as of his manor of Bury, in socage and by the yearly rent of 4*s.* 4*d.*, and are worth per ann. (clear) £6. 10*s.* The messuages, and other the premises in Midleton, in Salfordshire, are held of *the King* by reason of the custody of *Ralph Ashton*, of Middleton, Esq., then and now in the custody of *the King* during his minority, in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10*s.* 4*d.* Of whom or by what service the 2 messuages in Butterworth (before excepted) are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 10*s.*

John Holte died at Castleton 29 Aug. last past [1622]; *Robert Holte* is his son and heir, and at the time of his father's death was aged 20 years 14 days and no more. *Dorothy*, late wife of *John Holt*, is yet alive at Castleton.

Charles Butterworth, of Turnough.

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Inquisition taken at Manchester, 8 Jan., 20 James [1622-23], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Charles Butterworth*, late of Turnough, in

Butterworth,¹ by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Charles Butterworth* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage called "Turnough," and of 33 acres of land, meadow and pasture, called "Turnough," in Butterworth; also of 1 messuage called "Crooke," in Hunderffeild;¹ also of 1 messuage and 10 acres of land in Bedford² and Pinnington;² also of 1 messuage and 2½ acres of land in Pinnington.

The messuage and other the premises in Butterworth are held of *John Buron*,³ Knt., in free socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 4s. 3d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s.; the messuage, &c., in Hunderffeild are held of *John Baron*, Knt., in socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 3d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 12s.; the messuage, &c. in Bedford and Pinnington are held of *Jeffery Houlcrofte* of Hurste, in socage by fealty and the rent of 4d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

Charles Butterworth died 29 Dec. last past [1622]; *John Butterworth* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 51 years and more.

Alexander Waddington, of the Streete, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 10 Jan., 20 James [1622-23], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Alexander Waddington*, gentleman, by the oath of *Hugh Adlington* of Adlington, and *William Chorley* of Chorley, Esqs., *James Whitthalghe* of Livesay, *Nicholas Witton* of Greenelockhooles, *Richard Barker* of Tockehooles, *Thurstan Standishe* of Burghe, *William Tootell* of Healey, *John Withnell* of Wheleton, *John Whittle* of Wheleton, *Hugh Farnsworth* of Wheleton, *George Harrwood* of Livesay, *Richard Dickonson* of Livesay, *William Hillton* of Wheleton, *Hugh Tootell* of Healey, and *Arthur Hillton* of Wheleton, gentlemen, who say that *Alexander Waddington*

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¹ In Rochdale parish.

² In Leigh parish.

³ i.e. Byron.

long before his death was seised in fee of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and 50 acres of moor, moss, and turbary in Heathchernoke *alias* Chernoke Goggard;¹ also of the moiety of one 3rd part of 1 other messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 200 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 200 acres of pasture in Heathchernoke now in the tenure of one *Humphrey Nightgall*; also of 12 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 5 acres of pasture, 200 acres of moor, moss, and turbary in Eccles-hill;² also of 6 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 5 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood, and 100 acres of moor, moss, and turbary in Rivington *alias* Rovington.³ He, being so seised, on 16 Nov. last past [1622] bequeathed and devised all and singular the lands and tenements aforesaid by his will, in writing, to *Alice Waddington*, his wife, and *Lawrence Waddington*, his son, for the term of 9 years after his decease, and upon the determination of the said term then to the said *Lawrence* and his heirs for ever, as by the said will, shown to the Jurors, appears, which [here set out at length] is to the following effect:—16 Nov., 20 James, A.D. 1622. *Alexander Waddington*, of the Streete,⁴ in the County of Lancaster, gentleman. To be buried at the parish church of Standish. *Alice*, his wife, and *Lawrence Waddington*, his son, executors. Debts to be paid. The executors to occupy his lands, &c. in Heathchernoke, Rivington, and Ecckleshill, and elsewhere “wthin the Realme of England” for 9 years after the testator’s decease, and maintain his sons, *Alexander*, *Nicholas*, *Richard*, and *George*, and *Jane* and *Marie*, his daughters, at his house “the Streete,” for 9 years, if they be content to dwell with them. The executors to pay to the testator’s son *Alexander* during the said term 2s. 6d. a year, and maintain the younger boys at school until they are able to make a bond. The executors to pay to the testator’s daughters, *Jane* and *Marie*, £40 each at the rate of £5 a year each out of his goods. The executors to pay out of his lands to his sons when they attain the age of 21 years the following sums, viz. to *Nicholas Waddington* £10, to *Richard Waddington* £10. 5s., to *George Waddington* £13. 6s. 8d.,

¹ In Standish parish.

³ In Bolton parish.

² In Blackburn parish.

⁴ In the township of Heath Charnok.

such sums to be paid as his said sons respectively attain the age of 21 years. All his lands, &c. in Heathchernoke, Rivington, and Eccles-hill, and elsewhere he gave to *Lawrence Waddington*, his son, and his heirs for ever. After the end of the said 9 years his son *Lawrence* and his heirs to keep and maintain his (testator's) son *Alexander* with meat, drink, and apparel, and allow him yearly 10s. in money for life, or, if he desired to live elsewhere, then £5 yearly. To all his god-children 6s. each. "And for a more perfecte Readynes I have heare sett downe such debttē as I owe as also such debttē as are oweinge vnto me to my beste Remembrance Inp^r debttē that I owe to *Richard Browne-lowe* of Rivington jxti. iijs. viijd. Itē to M^r *Henry Breres* of Preston xxiijs. debttē oweinge vnto me Inp^r *Raphe Whittle* xlvjjs. Itē *Thom's Mosse* xljxs. Itē vx^r *Hughe Croston* xijs. Itē *Edmond Lathom* gent v.ti. xs. Itē *Abraham Coultehurst* iijt. vjs. xd. Itē *John Jepson* ijs. viijd. Itē *James Grymshawe* xjs. Itē the executors of *Randle Livesayes* wiffe ijs. jxd. Itē *Adame Schoulecrofte* xxvs. Itē *Thom^{as} Poope* xiijs. vjd. Itē M^r *Shawe* a gange of *Spoake* Itē *Richard Baron* ijs. xd. & an Iorne Axletree pinne." The testator desired that *Henry Waddington* of Daviefield and *Nicholas Hillton* would be overseers of his will.

Alexander Waddington (the father) died so seised 27 Nov. last past [1622]; *Alexander* is his son and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 22 years and more.

The 2 messuages, the moiety of the 3rd part of the said messuage, and all other the premises in Heathchernoke, alias Chernoke Goggard, are held of *Thomas Standishe*, Esq., and *Thomas Chernoke*, Esq., in free socage, viz. by fealty and the yearly rent of $12\frac{1}{2}d$, and are worth per ann. (clear) 23s. 6d. The lands, tenements, and other the premises in Eccles-hill are held of *Nicholas Grymshawe*, gent., in free socage, viz. by fealty and the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d$, and are worth per ann. (clear) 13s. 4d. The lands, tenements, and other the premises in Rivington, alias Rovington, are held of *Robert Lever*, gent., and of the heirs or assigns of *Thomas Breres*, gent., deceased, in free socage, by the yearly rent of one barbed arrow on the Day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and are worth per ann. (clear) 13s. 4d.

William Parkinson, of Lancaster, Gentleman.

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No. 44.
16 Jan.
1622-23.

Inquisition taken at Garstange, 16 Jan., 20 James [1622-23], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Parkinson*, late of Lancaster, gentleman, by the oath of *Henry Walmesley* of Preston, *John Charneley* of Myrepoole, *William Turner* of Elswicke, *John France* of Eccleston, *Bryan Baynes* of Caton, *Richard Chapman* of Boulton, *Edmund Dicconson* of the same, *Henry Tompson* of Thistleton, *Thomas Hesketh* of Netherwiresdayle, *John Hyne* of Overton, *Thomas Ashton* of Poulton, *John Turner* of Aughton, *Christopher Fell* of the same, *John Adamson* of Claughton, *Thomas Fox* of Forton, and *Richard Wilson* of Lancaster, gentlemen, who say that *William Parkinson* was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage and burgage in Lancaster; also of 46 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in the town of Lancaster, and in the liberties of the said borough and town.

The capital messuage, &c. are held of the *Mayor and Bailiffs of the Borough of Lancaster* in free and common burgage, which said Town and Borough the said Mayor and Bailiffs hold of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in fee farm of £13 : 6s : 8d, and the premises are worth per ann. (clear) 30s.

William Parkinson died 29 Nov., 1622; *Richard Parkinson* is his son and next heir, and was aged when this Inquisition was taken 48 years and more.

Edmund Raft.

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No. 22.
16 Jan.
1622-23.

Inquisition taken at Garstange, 16 Jan., 20 James [1622-23], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Edmund Raft*, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that long before the death of *Edmund Raft* one *John Raft*, deceased, father of the said *Edmund*, was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 10 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, 3 acres of pasture, and 1 acre of wood in Aughton.

John Raft, being so seised, by Indenture dated 18 April, 6 James [1608], in consideration of a marriage then to be had

between the said *Edmund Raft*, then his eldest son and heir apparent, and one *Margaret Taylor*, enfeoffed *Oswald Hiesham*, *Robert Burton*, *James Rawneson*, and *Christopher Fell* of the said messuages, lands, &c.: To hold to them and their heirs to the use of *John Raft* for life, and, after his decease, to the use of *Edmund Raft* for life; and after his decease then as to so many parcels of the premises as before that time were in the possession of one *Agnes Raft*, containing 7 acres, to the use of *Margaret Taylor* for life; and, after her decease, to the use of the heirs of the said *Edmund Raft* for ever; and, after the decease of *Edmund Raft*, as to the residue of the said messuages, lands, &c., not limited to the use of *Margaret Taylor*, to the use of the heirs of the said *Edmund* by the said *Margaret* for ever, as by the said deed, shown to the Jurors, appears. And, afterwards, and before the death of the said *John Raft*, the said *Edmund* took to wife the said *Margaret Taylor*, by virtue of which premises, and by force of the Statute of Uses, the said *John Raft* was seised of the premises aforesaid for life as of freehold, with remainders thereof expectant, as aforesaid.

The messuages, lands, and tenements in Aughton are held of the King in capite by knight's service, viz., by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per annum (clear) 5s.

Edmund Raft died at Aughton 23 Jan., 11 James [1613-14], and *John Raft* died at the same place 20 Oct. last past [1622]. *John Raft* is the son and next heir of the said *Edmund* by the said *Margaret*, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 13 years, 2 months, and 16 days.

The said *John Raft* (the father) took the issues and profits of all the lands and tenements aforesaid after the death of the said *Edmund* up to the time of the death of the said *John*, and one *William Toward* took them after the decease of the said *John* up to the day of taking this Inquisition.

William Naylor, of Hardshaw, Yeoman.

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No. 85.
17 Jan.
1622-23.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 17 Jan., 20 James [A. D. 1622-3], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Naylor*, of Hardshaw, within the town of Windle,¹ yeoman, by the oath of *Robert Barrow* of Wigan, *James Markland* of Wigan, *Roger Bullocke* of Wigan, *Charles Leigh* of Wigan, *Hugh Longshaw* of Wigan, *Ralph Astley* of Wigan, *Nicholas Pennington* of Ince, *Robert Gorton* of Aspull, *Geoffrey Sherrington* of Wigan, *Robert Banckes* of Wigan, *Richard Casson* of Wigan, *Christopher Banckes* of Wigan, *Adam Banckes* of Wigan, *William Ormishaw* of Wigan, *Thomas Banckes* of Wigan, *Robert Pennington* of Wigan, *Hugh Mason* of Wigan Woodhowses, and *Roger Laythwaite* of Wigan Woodhowses, gentlemen, who say that *William Naylor*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 2 messuages and 20 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Sutton; also of 1 messuage and 16 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Hardshawe within the town of Windle.

So seised, by deed dated 10 Nov. last past [1622], he enfeoffed thereof *James Longshawe*, and *John Naylor* to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, to the uses mentioned in a certain schedule, to the said deed annexed,—[Here the deed is set out at length]—to the uses and intents in a certain Indenture (to the said deed annexed) specified and declared, to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the service thereof due and accustomed. He constituted *Francis Wilkinson* of Windle, and *Robert Wainwright* of Eccleston-juxta-Knowesley, yeomen, his true and lawful attorneys, to deliver possession and seisin thereof, to the said *James Longshawe* and *John Naylor*, according to the effect of the said schedule; [Here follows the schedule, set out at length in English, the tenor whereof is as follows]—That *James Longshawe* and *John Naylor* (feoffees in the said deed named) and their heirs should stand seised after the execution thereof of all the premises in the said deed contained, to the use of the said *William Naylor* and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease, to the use of *Margery*

¹ In Prescot parish,

Naylor his wife and her assigns, until *William Naylor*, son and heir of the said *William Naylor* (party thereto) should attain the age of 21 years, the said *Margery* during the same time maintaining all the children of him the said *William Naylor* (the father), or so many of them as should accept the same, or should live sole and unmarried, with meat, drink, lodging, &c.; and immediately after the said *William* (the son) should have accomplished the age of 21 years, that then the said feoffees and their heirs should be seised of a full 3rd part of all the said premises (in 3 parts to be divided) to the use of the said *Margery* and her assigns for life, in the name of her jointure or dower. And that the said feoffees should be seised as well of all the residue of the said premises as also of the reversion of the said 3rd part (thereinbefore limited to the use of the said *Margery*) to the use of *William Naylor* (the son) and the heirs male of his body; and for default to the use of *John Naylor*, bastard son of the said *William* (the father), and his heirs male; and for default successively to the use of the heirs male of the body of the said *William Naylor* (the father), and lastly, to the use of his right heirs for ever.

The messuages and lands in Sutton are held of *Richard Bould*, Esq., as of his manor of Sutton, by knight's service, viz. by the 40th part of a knight's fee and 4*d.* yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40*s.* The messuage and lands in Hardshaw are held of *William*, Earl of *Derby*, as of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in free socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5*s.*

William Naylor died seised of the premises 26 Dec. last past [1622], and *William Naylor* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 4 years and 6 months.

William Walmisley, of Nether Darwen,
Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Blackburne, 26 Feb., 20 James Vol. xxiii.
[1622-3], before Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator, after No. 13.
the death of William Walmisley, late of Netherdarwine, 26 Feb.
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gentleman, by the oath of *Edward Gillibrande, James Whithalgh, Richard Parker, Thurstan Maudesley, Thomas Osbaldeston, John Smith, William Ouldam, George Ainsworth, Nicholas Witton, George Harwood, Edward Hauckshawe, Richard Barker, Richard Dickonson, John Peele, James Cunliffe, Lawrence Ainsworth, Randal Rishton, Randal Houlden, and John Elswick*, gentlemen, who say that *William Walmisley* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, and 24 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Netherdarwine, which are held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, *in capite* by military service, and 2d. rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

William Walmisley died 5 April last past [1622], and *Christopher Walmisley* his son and next heir is aged, at the time of taking this Inquisition, 54 years and more.

Ellen Chamberlaine, Widow.

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No. 21.
17 Mar.
1622-23.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 17 Mar., 20 James [1622-3], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Ellen Chamberlaine*, widow, by the oath of *William Chorley, Esq., Thurstan Standishe, Thomas Wasley, George Harwood, Thurstan Mawdesley, Hugh Nightgall, George Browne, Richard Haydocke, John Withnell, Thomas Nightgall, James Filden, Thomas Lawe, William Hawkeshead, Alexander Breres, Richard Prescott, Hugh Tootell, Lawrence Finch, William Hallicwell, William Tootell, and Roger Haidocke*, gentlemen, who say that before the death of *Ellen Chamberlaine*, *Roger Farclough*, father of the said *Ellen*, was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, and 5 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Chorley; and of 1 messuage and 8 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Standishe; and of 1 messuage and 5 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Coppull. So seised, a Fine was levied at Lancaster, 16 Aug., 27 Elizabeth [1585], between *Edward Standishe, Esq., and Alexander Standishe*, son and heir apparent of the said *Edward Standish*, plaintiffs, and *Roger Farclough*, deforcliant, of the said premises, to the use of the said *Roger Farclough* for his life, and after his death to the

use of *Geoffrey Chamberlaine* and the said *Ellen* his wife and their heirs; and in default to the use of *Isabel Farclough* and her heirs; and in default to the use of *Anne Farclough* and her heirs; and in default to the use of *Agnes Farclough* and her heirs; and in default to the use of the right heirs of the said *Roger* for ever. After the death of *Roger Farclough, Geoffrey Chamberlaine* and *Ellen* his wife were seised of the premises, and after the death of the said *Geoffrey* the said *Ellen* was seised of the same.

The premises in Chorley are held of *Richard Sherburne* and *Edward Rigby*, Esqs., as of the manor of Chorley, in free and common socage by fealty and $22\frac{1}{2}d.$ rent, viz. $10\frac{1}{2}d.$ rent to *Richard Sherburne* and $12d.$ rent to *Edward Rigby*, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The premises in Standishe are held of *Ralph Standishe* and *Thomas Langtree*, Esqs., as of the manor of Standishe, in free and common socage by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The premises in Coppull are held of *Edward Rigby*, as of his manor of Coppull, in free and common socage by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s.

Ellen Chamberlaine died 3 Mar., 1622-3, and *Edward Chamberlaine* her son and heir is aged, at the time of taking this Inquisition, 45 years and more.

Ralph Woodward, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 17 Mar., 20 James I [1622-23], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Ralph Woodward*, gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Ralph Woodward* long before his death, was seised in fee of 4 messuages, 3 cottages, 80 acres of arable land, meadow and pasture, and common of pasture and turbary, Skevington¹ and Lathome.²

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The premises in Skevington are held of *Richard Sherburne* and *Edward Rigby*, Esqs., as of their demesne of Leylandshire, in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly

¹ Skevington, in Standish parish.

² In Ormskirk parish.

rent of 12*d.* and are worth per ann. (clear) 30*s.* The messuages, lands, &c., in Lathome are held of *William*, Earl of *Derby*, in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 6*d.* and are worth per ann. (clear) 13*s. 4d.*

Ralph Woodward died 9 Jan. last past [1622-23]; *Alexander* is his son and next heir, and was aged when this Inquisition was taken 21 years.

Ralph Loxhame, of Longton, Gentleman.

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17 Mar.
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Inquisition taken at Chorley, 17 Mar., 20 James [1622-23], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Ralph Loxhame*, late of Longton,¹ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Ralph Loxhame* was seised in fee of 1 messuage and 1 acre of land in Longton, then in the tenure of the said *Ralph Loxham*; and of the reversion of 1 other messuage and 7 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Longton, after the death of *Richard Bickerstaffe* and *John Bickerstaffe* his son.

The first-named premises in Longton are held of *Richard Fleetwood*, Esq., in free and common socage by 1*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2*s.* The messuage and 7 acres in Longton are held of *Richard Sherburne*, Esq., in free and common socage and by a certain part of an annual rent of 18*d.* but by what part the Jurors do not know, and are worth per ann. (clear) 12*s.*

Ralph Loxhame died 30 Mar. last past [1622], and *William* his son and next heir is aged, at the time of taking this Inquisition, 30 years and more.

William Dantesey, of Agercroft, Esquire.

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No. 30 a.
29 Nov.
1622.

Writ directed to the Escheator of the county of Lancaster, upon the death of *William Dantesey*, commanding him to take without delay, into the hands of

¹ In Penwortham parish.

the King, all the lands and tenements belonging to the said *William*, which were in the bailiwick of the Sheriff, and to keep them in safe custody until he should receive further commands. Also to enquire by honest men what lands and tenements *William Dantesey* held of *the King in capite* as well in his demesne as in service on the day of his death; also to enquire how much he held of others, and by what service, and his age. Tested by *the King*, at Lancaster, 29 Nov., 20 James [1622].

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No. 30.
20 Mar.
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Inquisition taken at Bolton in le mores, 20 March, 20 James [1622-23], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Dantesey*, late of Agecroft, Esq., by the oath of *James Walmisley*, *James Crompton*, *Thomas Bordman*, *Jeremy Ainsworth*, *William Rothwell*, *Robert Leaver*, *Francis Isherwood*, *Roger Grundy*, *John Marshe*, *Lawrence Horrakes*, *Roger Walmisley*, *Edmund Brooke*, *John Brooke*, *Richard Aspinall*, *Thomas Kirshawe*, *Arthur Bromeley*, *Robert Walmisley*, *John Wilkinson*, and *Alexander Sharples*, gentlemen, who say that *William Dantesey* and *Anne*, his wife, were seised in fee, as in right of *Anne*, of 1 capital messuage called "le Hall of Agecroft,"¹ and of 100 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture, in Pendlebury,¹ belonging to the said messuage; also of 16 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Prestwich,² occupied with the said messuage; also of common of pasture for all his cattle and common of turbary in a waste called "Swinton Moor" in the parish of Eccles; also of 4 messuages, 20 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow and 12 acres of pasture in Pendleton, commonly called "Wyndlehey"; also of 2 messuages, 13 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Prestwich; also of 3 messuages and 3 gardens in Manchester. Being so seised, a Fine was levied at Lancaster, on Monday, 9 Aug., 12 James [1614], between *Roger Downes* and *Charles Haworth*, Esqs., *Ralph Slade* and *James Bradshawe*, gentlemen, plaintiffs, and *William Dantesey* and *Anne* his wife, deforciants, of the aforesaid messuages, &c., to the use of *William Dantesey* and

¹ In Eccles parish.

² In Oldham parish.

Anne his wife, and the survivor of them; and after the decease of both, one 3rd part of the capital messuage called "le Hall of Agecroft," and one 3rd part of the lands and hereditaments to the said capital messuage belonging to the use of *Katherine*, now wife of *William Dantesey*, son and heir of *William* and *Anne*, for the term of the life of *Katherine* in lieu of dower; also of all the residue of the messuage after the death of the survivor of *William* and *Anne Dantesey*; also of the premises limited to the use of *Katherine*, immediately after her death to the use of *William Dantesey* (the son) and to the use of the heirs male of *William* by *Katherine*; and in default to the use of the heirs male of the said *William*; and in default successively in tail male to the use of *John*, 2nd, *Charles*, 3rd, and *Daniel*, 4th son of *William* by *Anne*; and in default to the use of the right heirs of *William* (the son) for ever. By virtue whereof and by force of the Statute of Uses *William* and *Anne* were seised of the said messuage, &c. in freehold for the term of their lives.

The capital messuage in Pendlebury, with other the lands, &c. thereto belonging, are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 8s., and not in *capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5. The lands and tenements in Prestwich are held of *the King* by knight's service, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, and by the yearly rent of 4d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 13s. 4d. The messuages, &c. in Manchester are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of Manchester, in socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 12d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 33s. 4d. The messuages, &c. in Pendleton are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service and the yearly rent of 12d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s.

Anne Dantesey died 29 Sept., 16 James [1618], and *William* 19 May last past [1622]. *William Dantesey* (the son) is the son and heir of *William Dantesey*, and was aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 40 years and more.



Robert Hesketh, of Rufforth, Esquire.

Inquisition taken at Chorley . . . April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby, Esq.*, Escheator, after the death of *Robert Hesketh, Esq.*, by the oath of *Hugh Adlington, Arnold Chorley, Thurstan Modesley, Thurstan Standishe, John Whittle, William Higham, John Withnell, George Harwood, Richard Barker, William Tootell, Hugh Tootell, William Hackeshead, Thomas Wasley, George Browne, Thomas Nightgall, Richard Prescott, Hugh Nightgall, Richard Haydocke, Thomas Aynscowe, William Breres, Adam Kyndesley, and Simon Haydocke*, gentlemen, who say that *Robert Hesketh* long before his death was seised in fee of the manor of Rufforth; also of 40 messuages, 1 wind-mill, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 30 acres of wood, 30 acres of furze and heath, and 30 acres of moor in Rufforth; also of the manor of Harwood,¹ and 40 messuages, 1 water-mill, 1 fulling-mill, 300 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 30 acres of wood, 3 acres of moor, and 10*s.* annual free rent, in Harwood; also of the manor of Longton,² and 20 messuages, 1 wind-mill, 50 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 20 acres of marsh, 90 acres of moor, and 8*s.* rent, in Longton; also of the manor of Croston, and 40 messuages, 200 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 120 acres of pasture, 100 acres of moor, and 12*s.* rent in Croston; also of the manor of Hesketh cum Beconsall, and 12 messuages, 1 wind-mill, 60 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 12 acres of marsh, 100 acres of moor, and 2*s.* rent in Hesketh cum Beconsall; also of the manor of Tarleton cum Salom, and 23 messuages, 100 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 140 acres of pasture, 12 acres of wood, 1 acre of marsh, 300 acres of moor, and 20*d.* rent in Tarleton-cum-Salom; also of the manor of Maudesley,³ and 30 messuages, 1 wind-mill, 40 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 60 acres of moor, and 23*s.* rent, in Maudesley; also of the 6th part (in 6

¹ In Blackburn parish.² In Penwortham parish.³ In Croston parish.

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parts to be divided) of the manor of Wrightington, and 13 messuages, 100 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, and 34s. 10d. rent, in Wrightington;¹ also of the manor of Shevington, and 10 messuages, 30 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture in Shevington;² also of the manor of Houghwicke,³ and 5 messuages, 30 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 7 acres of marsh, and 30 acres of moor in Houghwicke; also of 2 messuages, 6 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, 5 acres of pasture, and 5½d. rent in Nether Whittingham; and 4 messuages, 40 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, and 6 acres of wood in Tottleworth;⁴ and 1 messuage, 8 acres of land, 2 acres of pasture in the town of Lancaster; and 1 messuage and 1 acre of land in Preston in Amoundernes; and 1 messuage, 8 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, and 4 acres of pasture in Wigan; and 3 messuages and 2 acres of land in Ormeschurch; and 1 messuage, 4 acres of land, and 2 acres of pasture in Penwortham; and 2 messuages, 6 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, and 6 acres of pasture in Hutton;⁵ and 12 messuages, 40 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Muchhoole; and 7 messuages, 30 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 15 acres of pasture, and 17d. rent, in Bretherton;⁶ and 1 messuage and 2 acres of land in Eccleston juxta Croston; and 1 messuage, 7 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, and 3 acres of pasture in Bispham; and 2 messuages, 6 acres of land, and 3 acres of pasture in Newborough;⁷ and 3 messuages, 40 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 12 acres of pasture, in Parbold;¹ and 1 messuage, 10 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, and 6 acres of pasture, in Samsbury;⁴ and 1 messuage, 16 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 8 acres of pasture in Newton cum Scales;⁷ also of 12d. annual free rent in Barton in Downe-Holland;⁸ and 18d. rent in Bickerstaffe;⁶ and 2s. rent in Winstanley;⁹ and 1 acre of land in Scarsbreche.⁶

So seised, by deed dated 27 July, 18 James [1620], shown

¹ In Eccleston parish.

² In Standish parish.

³ In Penwortham parish.

⁴ In Blackburn parish.

⁵ In Croston parish.

⁶ In Ormskirk parish.

⁷ In Kirkham parish.

⁸ In Halsall parish.

⁹ In Wigan parish.

to the Jurors, he enfeoffed thereof *Richard Shuttleworth*, *Thomas Stanley*, and *Hugh Hesketh*, Esqs., and *Edward Standishe*, gentleman, to hold to them, their heirs, and assigns, to the use successively (1) of *Robert Hesketh* (named in the writ) and his heirs male by *Anne Blundell* (then and still the wife of *Robert Blundell*, Esq.), (2) to the use of himself and his heirs male by *Ellen Gerrard* (then and still the wife of *Thomas Gerrard*, of Ince, in Makerfield, Esq.), (3) and of himself and his heirs male by *Anne Worthington* (then the wife of *Thomas Worthington*, of Crosley, gentleman); and for default, then as to all the manor of Harwood, all the manor, town, or hamlet of Totlesworth, in Rushton; the manors of Maudsley and Wrightington; all the messuages, mills, coal-mines, lands, &c. in Harwood, Tollesworth in Rushton, Maudsley, and Wrightington, to the use of *Jane Hesketh* (then the wife of *Robert Hesketh*, and now the wife of *Richard Houghton*, Knt. and Bart.), and her assigns for life, in the name and in full recompense of her jointure and dower in all the premises aforesaid; and after her decease, then as well of all the premises so limited to her use as of all the residue of the premises immediately after the death of *Robert Hesketh*, without any heir male by *Anne Blundell* *Ellen Gerrard*, and *Anne Worthington*, or any of them, to the use of *Thomas Hesketh*, son and then heir apparent of the said *Robert*, and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease then successively in tail male to the use of his 1st to his 7th, and every other son in tail male; and for default to the use of *Robert Hesketh*, another son of *Robert Hesketh* (named in the writ), and his assigns for life; and after his decease then successively in tail male to the use of his 1st to his 7th, and every other son in like manner; and for default to the use of *Henry Hesketh*, another son of the said *Robert*, and his assigns for life; and after his decease to the use of his 1st to his 7th son successively in tail male, with remainder as above; and for default to the use of *George Hesketh*, another son of *Robert Hesketh*, and his assigns for life; and immediately after his decease to the use of *Cuthbert*, another son of the said *Robert*, and his assigns for life; and immediately after his decease to the use of his (*Cuthbert's*) 1st to his 7th son successively in tail male, with

remainder as above; and for default to the use of the 1st son of *Robert Hesketh* (named in the writ) and his heirs male; and for default in like manner successively in tail male to the use of his 2nd to his 7th and every other son; and for default to the use of *Robert Hesketh*, son of *John Hesketh* son of *Robert Hesketh* (deceased), and his assigns for life; and immediately after his decease to the use successively in tail male of his (*Robert's*) 1st, 2nd, to his 7th and every other son; and for default to the use of *Robert Hesketh*, bastard son of *Robert Hesketh*, and his assigns for life; and immediately after his decease successively in tail male to the use of his 1st to his 7th and every other son; and for default to the use of *Hugh Hesketh* and his heirs; and, lastly, to the use of the right heirs of *Robert Hesketh* (named in the writ) for ever, as by an Indenture tripartite, dated 26 July, 18 James [1620], and made between *Robert Hesketh* of the 1st part, *Richard Shuttleworth* and *Thomas Stanley* of the 2nd part, and *Hugh Hesketh* and *Edward Standish* of the 3rd part, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears. By virtue of which Feoffment and Indenture tripartite, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Robert Hesketh* was seised of all the premises aforesaid in fee tail, viz. to himself and his heirs male by *Anne Blundell*, with remainder and remainders thereof as required by law.

Robert Hesketh was likewise seised in fee of the manor of Dunderdale cum Seathwaite;¹ also of 40 messuages, 1 water-mill, 200 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, and 6 acres of wood, in Dunderdale; and, so seised by an Indenture dated 20 June, 18 James [1620], and made between himself of the one part, and *Hugh Spencer* and *John Charles* of the other part, he enfeoffed thereof the said *Hugh Spencer* and *John Charles* to hold to them and their assigns to the use successively of himself and his heirs male by *Anne Blundell*, to the use of himself and his heirs male by *Ellen Gerrard*, and of himself and his heirs male by *Anne Worthington*; and for default to the use of *Robert Hesketh*, bastard son of the said *Robert*, for life; and immediately after his decease to the use successively in tail male of his 1st

¹ In Kirkby Ireleth parish.

and every other son ; and for default, lastly, to the use of him the said *Robert Hesketh* and his heirs for ever. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Robert Hesketh* was seised of all the premises last mentioned in fee tail, viz. to himself and his heirs male by *Anne Blundell*, with remainders thereof as required by law.

Robert Hesketh was likewise seised in fee of 3 messuages, 1 wind-mill, 80 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture, in Kenwicke and Kenwickwood, in Shropshire ; and so seised by an Indenture, dated 20 June, 18 James [1620], and made between himself of the one part, and *Hugh Spencer* and *John Charles* of the other part, he enfeoffed the said *Hugh Spencer* and *John Charles* thereof, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, to the use successively of himself and his heirs male by *Anne Blundell*, of himself and his heirs male by *Ellen Gerrard*, and of himself and his heirs male by *Anne Worthington* ; and for default to the use of *Cuthbert Hesketh* for life ; and, immediately after his decease, successively in tail male to the use of his 1st and every other son in tail male ; and for default to the use of him, *Robert Hesketh* (named in the writ) and his heirs for ever. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Robert Hesketh* was seised of all the premises in Shropshire as of fee-tail, viz. to himself and his heirs male by *Anne Blundell*, with remainders thereof as required by law.

He (*Robert Hesketh*) was likewise seized of 3 acres of land in Bagginton, in Warwickshire ; and he died, being so seised of all the premises in Lancashire, Shropshire, and Warwickshire, 7 Nov., 18 James [1620].

The manor of Rufforth, and the lands, tenements, and other the premises in Rufforth are held of *the King*, as of the late Monastery of the Abbey of Chester, in free and common socage, by fealty and the yearly rent of 5s., and are worth per ann. (clear) £28. The manor of Harwood, and all the premises in Harwood are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 4th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £20. The manor of Longton, and other the lands and premises in Longton are held of *the King* as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage, and not in *capite*, by fealty only, and are

worth per ann. (clear) £5. The manor of Croston, the lands and other the premises in Croston are held of the heirs or assigns of the *lords of the Hundred of Leyland* in common socage, by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) £7. The manor of Hesketh cum Beconsall, the lands, and other the premises in Hesketh and Beconsall, are held of the Most Noble *William, Earl of Derby*, as of the lately dissolved Monastery of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in common socage, by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) £3. The manor of Tarleton cum Salom, the lands, and other the premises in Tarleton cum Salom, are held of the said Earl of *Derby*, as of the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England (lately dissolved), in common socage, by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 50s. The manor of Maudsley, the lands, and other the premises in Maudsley, are held of the heirs or assigns of the *lords of the Hundred of Leyland* in common socage, by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) £4. The 6th part of the manor of Wrightington, the lands, and other the premises in Wrightington, are held of *Edward Mosley, Esq.*, as of his lordship of Manchester, by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The manor of Shevington, the lands, and other the premises in Shevington, are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, viz. by the 50th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. Of whom the manor of Houghwicke, the lands, and other the premises in Houghwicke are held, the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £4. The lands, and other the premises in Nether Whittingham are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Tottleworth, are held of *Thomas Walmisley, Esq.*, in free socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The messuage, lands, and premises in Preston in Amoundernes, are worth per ann. (clear) 12d, but of whom they are held the Jurors know not. The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Wigan are held of the *Rector of the Parish Church of Wigan* in free burgage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The lands and premises in Ormeschurche are held of *the King*, as of the lately dissolved

Priory of Burscowe, in free and common socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The lands and premises in Penwortham are worth per ann. (clear) 2d., but of whom they are held the Jurors know not. The lands, and other the premises in Hutton, are worth per ann. (clear) 2s., but of whom they are held the Jurors know not. The lands, and other the premises in Muchhoole are worth per ann. (clear) 20s., but of whom they are held the Jurors know not. The lands and premises in Bretherton are held of the said Earl of *Derby*, as of the lately dissolved order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The lands, and other the premises in Eccleston are held of *Richard Molineux*, Knt. and Bart., as of his manor of Eccleston, in common socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear), 16d. The lands and premises in Bispham are held of the said Earl of *Derby* in common socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20d. The lands and other the premises in Newborough are held of the said *William*, Earl of *Derby*, in common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 3s. 4d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 12d. The lands and premises in Parbold are held of the said *William*, Earl of *Derby*, as of the late Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 8s., and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. [sic]. The lands and premises in Samsbury are held of the *lords of Samesbury* in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The lands and other the premises in Newton cum Scales are held of the *King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d. The premises in Barton in Downe Holland are worth per ann. (clear) 12d., but of whom they are held the Jurors know not. The premises in Bickerstaphe are worth per ann. (clear) 18d.; the premises in Winstanley are worth per ann. (clear) 2s.; the premises in Scarsbrecke are worth per ann. (clear) 1d.; the manor of Dunderdall and Brethswaite, and the lands and premises in Dunderdall, are worth per ann. (clear) 40s.; the lands and premises in the said county of Salop are worth per ann. (clear) £3 : 6 : 8.; the lands in the county of Warwick are worth per ann. (clear) 12d.; but of whom all these respectively are held the Jurors know not.

Thomas Hesketh is the son and heir of the said *Robert Hesketh*, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 50 years and more. *Robert Hesketh*, son of *Robert Hesketh* (named in the writ), occupied all the premises in Tarleton cum Scales, and 40 acres of land (parcel of the premises in Rufforth), and took the issues and profits of the same from the time of the death of *Robert Hesketh* (named in the writ) up to the day of taking this Inquisition. *Henry Hesketh* occupied all the premises in Croston, and took the issues and profits thereof during the same period. *George Hesketh* occupied all the premises in Houghwicke, Hutton, and Penwortham, and took the issues and profits of the same for the same period. *Cuthbert Hesketh* occupied all the premises in Shropshire, and took the issues and profits thereof during the same period. *Robert Hesketh* (bastard) occupied all the premises in Dunderdale cum Seth[waite], and took the issues and profits of the same for the same period. *Roger Dods-worth* occupied all the premises in Maudsley, and took the issues and profits of the same during the said period. *Anne Shillitoe* occupied 11 acres of land (parcel of the premises in Bispham) and took the issues and profits thereof during the same length of time. *Thomas Stanley* occupied all the premises in Newton cum Scales, and took the issues and profits thereof for the same period. *Richard Harsnep* occupied all the premises in Beconsall, and took the issues and profits thereof during the same time. *Jane*, now wife of *Richard Houghton*, Knt. and Bart., occupied all the premises limited to her in jointure, as aforesaid, and took the profits of the same during that period. *Thomas Hesketh* occupied the residue of all the premises before mentioned, and took the profits thereof for the same length of time.

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Thomas Cunliffe, of Tonghill, Yeoman.

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Inquisition taken at Blackburne, 8 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Cunliffe*, of Tonghill, yeoman, by the

oath of *John Rodes, Richard Crombleholme, Thurstan Modesley, James Cunliffe, Thomas Osbaldeston, John Ward, John Elswicke, Richard Harwood, George Harwood, Miles Mersden, Richard Barker, James Walmisley, Lawrence Ainsworth, John Edge, Richard Dicconson, Christopher Walmisley, George Ainsworth*, and *Christopher Hill*, gentlemen, who say that *Thomas Cunliffe* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, and 3 acres of land and pasture in Plesington,¹ and of 1 messuage and 5 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Mellor.¹

The premises in Plesington are held of the heirs of *William Radcliffe*, late of Windley, Esq., deceased, in free and common socage by fealty and 1*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2*s.* The premises in Mellor are held of the heirs of *Thomas Southworth*, Esq., as of his manor of Mellor, in free and common socage by fealty and 10*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2*s. 6d.*

Thomas Cunliffe died 1 May, 7 James [1609], and *James Cunliffe*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 29 years and more.

Ralph Fishe, of Eccleshill, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Blackburn, 8 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Ralph Fishe*, late of Eccleshill,¹ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors (except *James Cunliffe*), who say that *Ralph Fishe* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 10 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 5 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of moss in Overdarwine.¹ So seised, by deed dated 10 Oct., 2 James [1604], he enfeoffed *John Crosse* and *James Cunliffe* of the said premises to the use of *Randal Astley* and *Margery* his wife and their heirs; and in default to the use of *Margery* and her heirs; and in default to the use of the right heirs of himself the said *Ralph Fishe* for ever. *Margery* died at Overdarwine 19 Nov., 16 James [1618].

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The premises in Overdarwine are held of *William Cokaine*,

¹ In Blackburn parish.

Knt., as of his manor of Walton in le dale, in free and common socage by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

[The date of the death of *Ralph Fishe* is not given.] *Randal Astley* survives at Blackburne, and *Agnes Cunliffe*, wife of *James Cunliffe*, and *Thomas Astley*, son of the said *Randal* and *Margery*, are co-heirs of *Ralph Fishe*. *Agnes* is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 40 years and more, and *Thomas Astley* 5 years and 12 months.

John Rodes, of Ribchester, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 16 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Rodes*, late of Ribchester, gentleman, by the oath of *William Chorley*, Esq., *Richard Blundell*, *Thurstan Standish*, *John Crosse*, *Henry Sudell*, *Richard Tailor*, *Edmund Wereden*, *Richard Harwood*, *Nicholas Witton*, *George Harwood*, *Richard Dicconson*, *Richard Barker*, *Hugh Tootell*, *William Tootell*, *John Whittle*, *John Withnell*, *Robert Woodroffe*, *Thomas Walmisley*, and *Thomas Hatch*, gentlemen, who say that *John Rodes* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage in Ribchester called "le Hawgh house"; 20 acres of land, 5 acres of pasture, 3 acres of meadow, and 2 acres of wood in Ribchester; 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards in Ribchester called "le fforrest house"; 3 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Ribchester, with the said messuages last-mentioned occupied and enjoyed; 1 other capital messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 10 acres of land, 5 acres of pasture, and 2½ acres of meadow in Ribchester with the last-mentioned capital messuage enjoyed, lately purchased of *Henry Preston*, of Preston in Amoundernes, gentleman; also of the water of Rible and divers lands and tenements covered by the said water, up to the middle of the water aforesaid in Ribchester between these bounds, viz.:—from one close of land called "le Crooked acre," and so following the water of Rible aforesaid up to a certain close of land called "le Dyes," in the tenure of *Richard Sherburne*, Esq., or his assigns; also of 11 acres of land, meadow and pasture,

in Clayton in le dale ; 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land, meadow and pasture in Ribchester, called "Jauden house," lately purchased of one *James Lingart*.

All the messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Ribchester (except the messuages called "le fforrest house," and the lands, tenements, and hereditaments with the same occupied and enjoyed) are held of *Richard Sherburne*, Esq., as of his manor of Ribchester, in free and common socage by fealty and 4s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. The 2 messuages called "the Forest house," and the gardens, orchards, and lands with the same occupied and enjoyed are held of *the King*, as of his manor of Dutton (parcel of his Duchy of Lancaster), in free and common socage and not *in capite* by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Clayton in le dayle are held of *the King* as of his manor of East Greenwich, in free and common socage, and not *in capite* or by knight's service, by fealty and 13s. 4d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

John Rodes died at Ribchester 9 Feb. last past [1622-23] ; *Jane*, late his wife, is yet alive at Ribchester ; *Ellen* and *Margaret Rodes* are his daughters and co-heirs ; *Ellen* was aged 4 years on 14 Oct. last past, and *Margaret* 3 years on 11 Feb. last past.

Ralph Shorrocke, of Walton in le Dale, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 16 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Ralph Shorrocke*, late of Walton in le dale, gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Ralph Shorrocke* was seised in fee of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, and 27 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Walton in le dale.

So seised, by deed dated 16 Jan., 7 James [1609-10], he enfeoffed thereof *Richard Bateson*, *John Balshawe*, *William Charnley*, and *John Shorroke*, to hold to them, their heirs and

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assigns; and by Indenture dated 15 Jan., 7 James [1609-10], he appointed and limited that the aforesaid feoffment should be to the following uses, viz.:—As to all that messuage in which the said *Ralph Shorrocke* was then living, and all his hereditaments in Walton, then in the occupation of the said *Ralph*, containing 14 acres of land, and as to all those 2 parcels of land, meadow and pasture, in Walton, then in the occupation of *John Barton*, or his assigns, commonly called “le Narbridge feild” and “le Rickleſt^e”; and as to 1 other parcel of land lying in the east part of “le Rickleſt^e,” containing 10 falls of land (parcel of the premises) to the use of *Ralph Shorrocke* and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease then to the use of *William Shorrocke*, his son and heir apparent, and the heirs of his body; and for default to the use of *Richard*, 2nd son of the said *Ralph*, and his heirs male; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Ralph Shorrocke* for ever. As to 1 messuage in Walton, and the land then or lately in the tenure of *John Barton*, junior, and all the houses, edifices, orchards, and gardens, to the said messuage belonging, except the aforesaid 2 closes of land, meadow and pasture, and all the profits of the land, meadow and pasture commonly called “le Narbridge feild,” “le Ricklement,” and “le tonge,” to the use of the aforesaid *Richard Shorrocke* and *Katherine* his wife for her jointure, and to his heirs by *Katherine*; and for default to the use of the heirs of the body of the said *Richard*; and for default to the use of *William Shorrocke* and his heirs; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Ralph Shorrocke* for ever, as by the said Indenture and deed, shown to the Jurors, more fully appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, the said *Ralph* was seised of all the premises in Walton, except the messuage and other the premises then in the occupation of *John Barton*, junior, for life with remainder as aforesaid. *Richard Shorrocke* and *Katherine* his wife by virtue of the premises and of the Statute were seised of the messuage and other the premises in Walton then in the tenure of *John Barton*, junior, viz. *Richard* in fee tail and *Katherine* for life, with remainder as aforesaid. They being respectively seised as aforesaid, the said *Ralph* died so seised thereof.

The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Walton aforesaid, at the time of the death of the said *Ralph*, were held of *Robert Bannester*, Knt., as of his manor of Walton, and are now held of *William Cockane*, Knt., as of the same manor, in free socage by fealty and 10s. 5d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

Ralph Shorrocke died 2 Feb., 16 James [1618-19]; and *William Shorrocke*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 40 years and more.

Robert Lonesdale, of Symonstone, Yeoman.

Inquisition taken at Blackburne, 8 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Robert Lonesdale*, late of Symonstone,¹ yeoman, by the oath of *John Rodes*, *Richard Crombleholme*, *Thurstan Modesley*, *James Cunliffe*, *Thomas Osbaldeston*, *John Warde*, *John Elswicke*, *Richard Harwood*, *George Harwood*, *Miles Marsden*, *Richard Barker*, *James Walmisley*, *Laurence Ainsworth*, *John Edge*, *Richard Dicconson*, *Christopher Walmisley*, *George Ainsworth*, and *Christopher Hill*, gentlemen, who say that *Robert Lonesdale* was seised of fee of 1 messuage and 12 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Symonstone, which are held of the King as of his Castle of Clitherowe, in free and common socage by fealty only, and neither in *capite* nor by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d.

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Robert Lonesdale died 24 June, 43 Eliz. [1601]; *Thomas Lonesdale* is his son and next heir, and is now aged 38 years and more.

William Hesketh, of Poulton, Esquire.

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¹ In Whalley parish.

the oath of *Thomas Whittingham*, Esq., *Richard Blundell*, *John Crooke*, *John Ward*, *Henry Walmisley*, *Thomas Beesley*, *Thomas Walmisley*, *Richard Preston*, *John Hardman*, *Henry Hodgkinson*, *John Sumpner*, *William Sudell*, *Thomas Blackburne*, *James Archer*, *William Tasker*, *William Arckwright*, *Richard Tailor*, and *John Cowpe*, gentlemen, who say that *William Hesketh* long before his death was seised in fee of 50 messuages, 8 burgages, 6 cottages, 100 acres of land, 80 acres of pasture, 20 acres of meadow, 6 acres of wood, 200 acres of moor and moss, and 12s. free rent in Kirkham, Warton in Amoundernes,¹ Wra in Amoundernes,¹ Preston in Amoundernes, Lancaster, Chippin, Lathome,² Kellemere,¹ Freckleton,¹ Grimsargh,³ Catterall,⁴ Claughton, Poulton⁵ in Amoundernes, Staynoll,⁵ Newton in Amondernes,⁶ Lytherland,⁷ and Woodplumpton in Amoundernes.⁸ So seised, by deed dated 20 March, 18 Eliz. [1575-76], he granted all the premises aforesaid to *Edward Standishe*, *William Hawkesworth*, *James Anderton*, and *Thomas Lathome*, Esqs., and *Nicholas Rigby*, gentleman, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, to the uses declared in certain Indentures dated 20 Feb. then last past, and made between the said *William Hesketh* (named in the writ) of the one part, and a certain *Alice Anderton*, then widow, and now deceased, of the other part, viz. as to 1 tenement (parcel of the premises in Preston) then in the tenure of one *Richard Aram*, 1 other tenement then in the tenure of,⁹ then late wife of *Henry Preston* (parcel of the premises in Preston), 1 other tenement then in the tenure of *Nicholas Comilach* (parcel of the premises in Grimsarch), 1 other tenement (parcel of the premises in Liverpoole) then in the tenure of *Evan Aughton*, 3 other tenements (parcel of the premises in Plumpton) then in the several tenures of *Lawrence Parkinson*, *Adam Fishwicke*, and *Anthony White*, 1 other tenement (parcel of the premises in Orrell within Litherland) then in the tenure of *Thomas*

¹ In Kirkham parish.

² In Ormskirk parish.

³ In Preston parish.

⁴ In Garstang parish.

⁵ In Poulton le Fylde parish.

⁶ There are two Newtons in Amounderness, one in Poulton parish and the other in Kirkham parish.

⁷ In Seston parish.

⁸ In St. Michael le Wyre parish.

⁹ The name is omitted.

Forneby, to the use of *William Hesketh*, son of the said *William* (named in the writ) and *Anne* his wife for their lives, and the life of the survivor of them ; and after the decease of both of them, to the use of the heirs male of the said *William* (the son) by *Anne* ; and for default to the use of the heirs male of the said *William* (the son) ; and for default to the use of *Wilfrid Hesketh*, another of the sons of the aforesaid *William Hesketh* (the father) and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of *Thomas Hesketh* [another son of the said *William*] and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of the said *William Hesketh* (named in the writ) and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of *William Hesketh* (the son) and the heirs of his body ; and lastly to the use of the right heirs of *William Hesketh* (named in the writ). And as to the residue of all the lands and tenements aforesaid to the use of *William Hesketh* (named in the writ) for life without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease to the use of *William Hesketh* (the son) and his heirs male by *Anne* ; and for default successively in tail male to the use of *William Hesketh* (the son), *Wilfrid*, *Thomas* (another son of the said *William*, named in the writ), *William Hesketh* (named in the writ), *William Hesketh* (the son), and, lastly, of the right heirs of the said *William* (named in the writ) for ever ; as by the said deed and Indentures, shown to the Jurors, more fully appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *William Hesketh* (the son) and *Anne* his wife were seised of the premises aforesaid, viz. the said *Anne* as of freehold for her life, and the said *William* (the son) as of fee tail, to himself and his heirs male by *Anne*, with remainders as aforesaid. *William Hesketh* (named in the writ) was seised of all the residue of the lands and tenements aforesaid as of freehold for life, with remainder to *William Hesketh* (the son) and his heirs by *Anne*, and with divers remainders over as aforesaid.

They, being so severally and respectively seised, the said *William Hesketh* (named in the writ) died at Little Singleton 5 Dec. last past [1622] ; *William Hesketh* (the son) is his next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 60 years and more.

The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Kirkham

are held of *Cuthbert Clifton*, Knt., in socage by the yearly rent of 2s. 6d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 8s. The messuages and other the premises in Warton are held of *John Gerrard* in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Wra are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in socage and by 5d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d. The burgages, lands, and other the premises in Preston are held of *the King* in free burgage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4d. The burgages, together with the lands, and other the premises in Lancaster are held of *the King* in free burgage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Chippin are held of the heirs of *Roger Sherburne*, gent., in socage by 2s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Lathome are held of *William, Earl of Derby*, in socage by the yearly rent of 10s. 10d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 16s. The messuages in Kellermere are held of *the King* in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 17s. The messuages in Freckleton are held of the heirs of *Thomas Holcroft*, Knt., in socage by the yearly rent of 1d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The messuages in Grimsarch are held of *Richard Houghton*, Knt. and Bart., in socage by 4d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. The messuages in Catterall are held of *Thomas Sherburne*, Esq., in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The messuages in Claughton are held of *William, Earl of Derby*, in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. The messuages in Poulton are held of *the King*, as of the late Monastery of Syon, in Middlesex, in socage by the yearly rent of 5s., and are worth per ann. (clear) 24s. The messuages in Staynall are held of *William, Earl of Derby*, by 2s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. The lands and tenements in Newton are held of the *lords of the said town* in free socage by 1½d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 13s. 4d. The lands and tenements in Litherland are held of *Richard Mollineux*, Knt. and Bart., in free socage by 2s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4s. The lands and tenements in Wood Plumpton are held of *Robert Banister*, Knt., in free

and common socage and 6s. 8d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s.

Richard Charnley.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 24 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Richard Charnley*, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Richard Charnley* long before his death was seised in fee to himself and his heirs of 2 messuages, 20 acres of land, 7 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Haighton.¹

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So seised, by deed dated 18 June, 20 James [1622], and made between himself of the one part, and *Lawrence Charneley*, *John Albin*, *James Charneley*, and *John Charneley*, yeomen, of the other part, he enfeoffed the said *Lawrence*, *John*, *James*, and *John* of all the premises aforesaid, to hold to them and their heirs for ever, to the use of the said *Richard Charneley* and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and, immediately after his decease, then successively in tail male to the use of *George* the 1st, *Richard* the 2nd, and *Henry* the 3rd son of the said *Lawrence Charneley*; and for default to the use of the right heirs of the said *Richard Charneley* for ever, as by the said deed of feoffment, shown to the Jurors in evidence, more fully appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Richard Charneley* was seised of all the premises as of freehold for life, with remainder as aforesaid.

The messuages, lands, tenements, and other the premises in Haighton are held of the heirs of *Balderston* in socage and by the yearly rent of one rose, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s.

Richard Charneley died 16 March, 20 James [1622-23], without heir of his body; *George Charneley*, son of the said *Lawrence*, is his kinsman and next heir, viz. son and heir of *Lawrence Charnly*, who was the next brother and heir apparent of the said *Richard*, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 24 years and more.

¹ In Preston parish.

Thomas Southworth, of Samlesbury, Esquire.

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Inquisition taken at Preston in Amondernes, 24 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Thomas Southworth, Esq.*, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Thomas Southworth* at the time of his death was seised as of fee tail, viz. to himself and the heirs male of his body, with divers remainders over, of a moiety of the manor of Samlesbury;¹ also of 16 messuages, 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, and 200 acres of pasture in Samlesbury. He, being so seised, had issue *John Southworth*, his son and heir apparent, and died so seised 27 Feb. last past [1622-23] at Samlesbury.

The moiety of the manor aforesaid and other the premises in Samlesbury are held of *the King*, as of his honour of Clitheroe (parcel of his Duchy of Lancaster), by knight's service, viz. by the 20th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £3. 6s. 8d.

John Southworth is the son and heir male of *Thomas Southworth*, and was aged at the time of his father's death 10 months 2 weeks and 3 days and no more.

Anne, widow of the said *Thomas*, still survives at Samlesbury.

Richard Lynney.

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Inquisition taken at Chorley, 25 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Richard Lynney*, by the oath of *Hugh Adlington, Esq., William Chorley, Esq., William Tootell, Hugh Tootell, Thomas Wasley, Thurstan Maudesley, Peter Blackhurst, George Browne, Roger Finch, John Waringe, Thomas Aynscowe, Richard Haidocke, Alexander Breres, William Breres, and William Hackshead*, gentlemen, who say that *Richard Lynney* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 capital

¹ In Blackburn parish.

messuage and half an acre of land lying in Hundersfeild,¹ in the town of Rachdall, also of 3 cottages and 3 gardens in the town of Ratchdall, in the tenure of *Nicholas Ogden, Robert Ogden, and Wakefeild*, shoemaker ; and of 1 messuage and 1 garden in Spotland,¹ in the tenure of *Zachary Smith* ; and of 1 acre of arable land and pasture in Spotland known by the name of "Coptroad," which [the said] *Richard Linney* lately purchased from *Thomas Holme*, of Ratchdale, gentleman, who lately purchased the same (*inter alia*) from *Francis Holt*, late of Gristulhurst, Esq., deceased ; also of 11 acres of arable land, meadow and pasture, in 7 several closes in Spotland.

The messuages in Hundersfield are held of *the King* in free and common socage, as parcels of the possessions belonging to the lately-dissolved Priory of Saint John of Jerusalem, by fealty and the yearly rent of 6d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. Of whom the 3 cottages in Ratchdall are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The messuage and the 11 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Spotland are held of the *Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem* in England in free socage, viz. by the rent of 6d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 14s. The 1 acre of arable land and pasture called "Coptroad" are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s.

Richard Lynney died 21 March, A.D. 1618[–19]. *Margaret*, late his wife, still survives at Ratchdall ; she took all the profits of all the messuages, lands, and tenements aforesaid in Ratchdall and Spotland from the time of the death of *Richard Linney* until the taking of this Inquisition. *Edmund Linney* is the son and next heir of the aforesaid *Richard*, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 13 years 7 months and 20 days.

¹ In Rochdale parish.

Robert Meall, of Butterworth Hall, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 26 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Robert Meall*, late of Butterworth Hall, gentleman, by the oath of *Samuel Bamford*, *Roger Sharples*, *James Wallmisle*, *Giles Ainsworth*, *James Crompton*, *Francis Isherwood*, *Thomas Bordman*, *Robert Leaver*, *John Marsh*, *Roger Grundie*, *Richard Aspinall*, *Edward Greenehall*,¹ *Arthur Bromeley*, *Robert Bolton*, *John Rishton*, *Edmund Brooke*, *William Bageley*, *Thomas Kershawe*, and *John Brooke*, gentlemen, who say that *Robert Meall* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 20 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, and 12 acres of pasture in Butterworth,² with common of pasture in the wastes of Butterworth; and of 6 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Buerdsell and Buerdsell More.

The premises in Butterworth and Buerdsell and Buerdsell-more are held of *William*, Earl of *Darby*, as of his manor of Wolton, as parcel of the late Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in free and common socage by fealty and 2½*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30*s.*

Robert Meall died at Butterworth 31 Dec. last past [1622], and *James Meall*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 11 years 11 months and 26 days and not more.

James Clegge, of Butterworth, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Bolton, 26 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *James Clegge*, late of Butterworth, gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *James Clegge* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 20 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, and 12 acres of pasture in Butterworth,² with common of pasture in the wastes of Butterworth, which are held of

¹ Greenhalgh in the Inq. of James Holt, p. 372.

² In Rochdale parish.

William, Earl of Derby, as of his manor of Wolton, in socage, by fealty and $2\frac{1}{4}d.$ rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

James Clegg died at Butterworth 13 Oct., 19 James [1621], and *James Clegg*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 28 years and more.

Robert Tippinge, of Irlam, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Boulton in le mores, 26 April, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., after the death of *Robert Tippinge*, late of Irlam, gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Robert Tippinge* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 5 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 5 acres of pasture in Irelame,¹ and of a close of land in Irelame, containing 1 acre of land, within the manor of Barton upon Irwell.

The messuage and 5 acres of land, &c. in Irelam are held of *Edmund Lathome*, gentleman, in free socage by fealty and the payment of 1 pair of white gloves, and are worth per ann. (clear) 26s. 8d. The close of land in Irelam is held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by the 50th part of a knight's fee, and is worth per ann. (clear) 4s.

Robert Tippinge died 1 Dec. last past [1622], and *George Tippinge*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 9 years and 3 months and no more.

James Hoult, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 26 April, 21 James [1623], before *Leonard Ashawe*, *Savil Radcliffe*, *Oswald Mosley*, *Edward Rigby*, and *John Haworth*, Commissioners, after the death of *James Hoult*, gentleman, by the oath of *Edmund Ashton*, *Edward Rosthorne*, *Edward Butterworth*, and *John Cudworth*, Esquires, and *Robert Ainsworth*,

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¹ In Eccles parish.

Samuel Bamford, Lawrence Brownely, Christopher Anderton, James Walmsley, Giles Ainsworth, James Crompton, Francis Isherwood, Thomas Bordman, Robert Leaver, Richard Ashawe, Roger Grundie, Edward Greenehalgh, Thomas Kershawe, Robert Bolton, John Brooke, and Arthur Bromeley, gentlemen, who say that long before the decease of *James Holt*, one *Francis Holt*, Esq. (deceased), late great-grandfather of the said *James*, was seised in fee of the manors of Gristlehurst,¹ Spotland,² Fortune,³ and Steed;⁴ also of 200 messuages, 20 tofts, 4 mills, 1,050 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 1,000 acres of furze and heath, 50 acres of moor, 300 acres of turbary, and 200 acres of moss in Gristlehurst, Spotland,² Wostenholme, ffallinge,² Whitworth,² Rossendale,⁵ Ratchdale, Bamford,¹ Steede, Ribchester, Fortune, Bury, Hundersfield,² and Middleton.

Francis Holt, being so seised, a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the fifth week of Lent, 30 Eliz. [1588], between *Edward Littleton, John Culcheth, and Charles Holt*, Esqs., and *Richard Lee*, plaintiffs, and the said *Francis Holt* and *Ellen* his wife, and *Thomas Holt*, then son and heir apparent of *Francis Holt* and grandfather of *James* (named in the Commission), and *Constance* his wife, deforciants, of the aforesaid manors, messuages, &c., whereupon a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the said Court, to wit, that *Francis* and *Ellen*, *Thomas* and *Constance* acknowledged the manors and tenements aforesaid to be the right of *Edward Littleton* as those which he *John Culcheth, Charles Holt, and Richard Lee* had of the gift of the said *Francis* and *Ellen*, *Thomas* and *Constance*, and the same remised and quit-claimed for themselves and their heirs to *Edward*, &c., and to the heirs of *Edward* for ever: which Fine was levied of the manors and tenements aforesaid to the uses and limits expressed in a certain Indenture dated 7 March, 30 Eliz. [1587-88], and made between *Francis Holt* and *Ellen* his wife, and *Thomas Holt* and *Constance*, then his wife, of the one part, and *Ellen Littleton*, widow, late wife of *Edward Littleton*, Knt., deceased, of the other part; viz. as to the manor of

¹ In Middleton parish.

³ In Cockerham and Garstang parish.

⁵ In Whalley parish.

² In Rochdale parish.

⁴ In Ribchester parish.

Steed, and other the premises in Steed and Ribchester, 10 messuages, 1 mill, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture in Spotland, Radchdale, and Whitworth to the use of *Thomas* and *Constance* for their lives and the life of the survivor, in the name of jointure for the said *Constance*; and after the decease of both of them then to the use of *Francis*, son and heir apparent of *Thomas* in tail male; and for default then to the several and successive uses of divers persons mentioned in the Indenture in tail male; and for default then to the use of the right heirs of *Francis* for ever. As to the manor of Gristlehurst, and 40 messuages, 3 mills, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, and 300 acres of pasture in Gristlehurst, Bury, Middleton, Bamford, Spotland, and Ratchdale (parcel of the premises whereof *Francis*, the great-grandfather, was seised as aforesaid) to the use of *Francis* and *Ellen* for their lives; and then to the use of *Thomas* for his life, and after his decease to the use of *Francis* and his heirs male, with remainders as aforesaid. As to the manor of Fortune and other the hereditaments in Fortune, and 7 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture in Spotland (other parcel of the aforesaid premises) to the use of *Francis Holt* (the great-grandfather) for his life, and after his decease to the use of *Edmund Holt*, his younger son, for his life, and then to the use of *Thomas* for his life, and after his decease to the use of *Francis* and his heirs male, with remainders as aforesaid. *Edmund* still survives at Ratchdall. As to 6 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture in Spotland, Bamford, and Ratchdall (other parcel of the premises aforesaid), to the use of *Francis* for his life, and then to the use of *Thomas* for his life, and after his decease to the use of *Francis* (father of *James*) in tail male, with remainders as aforesaid. As to 9 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, and 80 acres of pasture in Whitworth and Spotland (other parcel of the premises aforesaid) to the use of *Francis* for his life, and after his decease to the use of *Francis*, another younger son, for his life, and after his decease to the use of *Thomas* for his life, and then to the use of *Francis*, with remainders as aforesaid. *Francis*, the younger, still survives at Ratchdall. As to 11 other

messuages, 140 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, and 1 mill in Spotland, Whitworth, and Ratchdall (further parcel of the premises aforesaid) to the use of *Francis* for his life, and after his decease to the use of *Ralph*, his 3rd son, for his life, with remainders as aforesaid. As to 9 other messuages, 100 acres of land, and 100 acres of pasture in Whitworth and Spotland (other parcel of the premises aforesaid) to the use of *Francis* for his life, and after his decease to the use of *John*, his 4th son, for his life, with remainders as aforesaid. As to 9 other messuages, 100 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 100 acres of pasture in Spotland and Whitworth to the use of *Francis*, and then to the use of *Edward*, his 6th son, with remainders as aforesaid. The said *Edward* died long before his father. As to the residue of all the manors, &c., aforesaid to the use of *Francis* (the great-grandfather) for his life, and then to the use of *Thomas* for life, and then to the use of *Francis*, and then to the use of divers persons (mentioned in the Indenture), and, lastly, to the use of the right heirs of *Francis* for ever, as by the Indenture shown to the Jurors appears; by the which Indenture it was among other things agreed: that it should be lawful for *Thomas Holt*, by his will or by deed, to give to every of his younger sons an annuity of £5, issuing out of all the said manors, subject to the conditions therein specified. By virtue of which Fine and Indenture, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Francis* and *Ellen*, and *Thomas* and *Constance* were severally and respectively seised of the manors, lands, &c. for the terms of their lives with the remainders and reversions expectant thereupon as aforesaid.

Thomas Holt, being so seised for his life of the remainder of the manor of Gristlehurst, and other the premises in Gristlehurst, Bury, &c. (limited to the use of *Francis* and *Ellen* for their lives) with remainder to *Francis* (father of *James*) in tail male, a Fine was levied in the Court at Lancaster on Monday, 29 Aug., 1 James [1603], between *Edmund Hopwood*, Esq., plaintiff, and *Thomas Holt* and *Francis Holt*, deforciants, of the aforesaid manor of Gristlehurst, and other the aforesaid messuages, &c. in Gristlehurst, Bury, &c.; whereupon a plea of covenant was summoned between them to wit, *Thomas* and *Francis* acknowledged the manor and

tenements aforesaid to be the right of *Edmund* as those which he had of their gift, and the same remised for them and their heirs to *Edmund* and his heirs for ever: which Fine was levied to the use of *Thomas* during the life of *Francis* (if he should so long live), and upon the determination of the aforesaid estate limited to *Thomas*, then to the use of *Katherine*, wife of *Francis* (father of *James*) for her life as her dower; and after her decease to the use of *Francis* in tail male; and for default to the use of divers persons (mentioned in the Indenture) in tail male; and, lastly, to the use of the right heirs of *Francis* (the great-grandfather) for ever. *Katherine* still survives at Ratchdale. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Thomas Holt* was seised of the remainder of the premises aforesaid, with remainders as aforesaid.

By deed, dated 5 Nov., 7 James [1609], in consideration of his love for *Edward*, his 3rd son by *Constance*, and for his better maintenance, and according to the power reserved to him in the last-mentioned Indenture, *Thomas Holt* granted to him an annuity of £5 for his life, and by the same deed, and for the same considerations, granted him another annuity of £3 for the term of his life, issuing out of divers lands in Whitworth, Rossendale, and Spotland, and out of all other his lands in Lancashire.

By another deed, bearing even date with the last, and for the same reasons, he granted to *Thomas*, his second son, two several annuities of £5 and £3 for his life, issuing out of lands in Whitworth, Rossendale, and Spotland, and all his other lands. *Edward* and *Thomas* still survive at Rachdale. Afterwards, *Francis* and *Ellen* died, and *Thomas* survived them; after that, *Thomas* and *Constance* died, after whose death *Francis* was seised in freehold for the life of *Katherine*, with remainder to him and his heirs male, and with remainders as aforesaid as to the premises in Gristlehurst, &c.

Francis Holt was also seised in fee-tail, viz. to himself and his heirs male, of the manor of Steed, and other lands and tenements in Steed and Ribchester; also of the 10 messuages, &c. in Spotland, Rachdale, and Whitworth (limited to the use of *Thomas* and *Constance*); also of the 9 other messuages &c. in Spotland and Whitworth (limited to the use of

Francis, the great-grandfather, with remainders as aforesaid); also of the residue of all the manors, &c. first severally and respectively limited to the uses of *Edward*, *Francis*, *Ralph*, and *John*, his younger sons.

Francis (father of *James*), being so seised, a Fine was levied in the Court of Lancaster on Monday in the 4th week of Lent, 7 James [1609], between *Edward Littleton*, Knt., *Thomas Holcroft*, Knt., and *Theophilus Ashton*, Esq., plaintiffs, and *Francis Holt*, deforciant, of all and singular the manors, &c. of which he (*Francis*) was seised in possession or remainder [here they follow by name], whereupon a plea of covenant was summoned between them, viz. *Francis* acknowledged the manors aforesaid to be the right of the said *Edward* as those which he *Thomas* and *Theophilus* had of his gift, and the same remised for himself and his heirs to them and the heirs of *Edward* for ever, which said Fine was levied to the use of *Francis* (father of *James*) for his life without impeachment of waste; and, after his decease, to the use of *James* (named in the commission) and his heirs male; and for default to the use of *William*, 2nd son of *Francis*, and his heirs male; and for default to the use of *Theophilus*, his 3rd son, in tail male; and for default then to the use of the 1st to the 8th son of *Francis* in tail male; and for default to the use of any other son or sons of the said *Francis* in tail male; and for default to the use of *Francis* and his heirs male, and, lastly, to the use of the right heirs of *Francis* for ever, as by an Indenture dated 15 March, 6 James [1608-9], and made between the said *Francis* of the one part, and the said *Edward*, *Thomas*, and *Theophilus* of the other part, shown to the Jurors, appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Francis* was seised of the aforesaid manors, &c. for his life, with remainders thereof as aforesaid. *Thomas* had issue by *Constance* 2 younger sons, viz. *Thomas* and *Edward*, who still survive.

Francis Holt died, so seised, at Rachdale, 28 Sept., 15 James [1617]; *James* (named in the commission) was his son and heir, and was then aged 16 years 10 months and 20 days. After whose decease, by reason of the premises and the minority of *James*, and by means of an Inquisition taken 12 Jan., 15 James [1617-18], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq.,

Escheator,¹ after the death of *Francis Holt*, the said estates were ascertained by due form of law; *James Holt*, and a 3rd part of the tenements aforesaid, then being in the custody of *the King*. After the death of *Francis*, *James* was seised of the said manors, &c., with remainders as aforesaid, and *William*, his younger brother, died during his lifetime without heirs. Afterwards, 20 Feb. last past [1622-23], *James* died without heirs; *Theophilus* is his brother and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 14 years 1 month and 15 days.

The manor of Steed, and other the premises in Steed and Ribchester, and the aforesaid 10 messuages, &c. in Spotland, Rachdale, and Whitworth, limited to *Thomas Holte* and *Constance* for their lives, are held of *the King* by knight's service, viz. by the 50th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £4. The manor of Grislehurst, and the 40 messuages, 3 mills, &c. in Grislehurst, Bury, Middleton, Bamford, Spotland, and Rachdale, limited, after the death of *Francis Holte*, the elder, to *Katherine*, late wife of *Francis Holte*, are held in form following, viz.—the manor of Grislehurst, and other the premises in Bury and Middleton, of *Ralph Ash*, Esq., in free socage; the hereditaments in Bamford, of the heirs of *William Bamford*, gent. (deceased), in free and common socage by fealty only; the lands and tenements in Spotland and Rachdale, of *the King* in free socage, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by fealty only; all which manor and hereditaments last mentioned are worth per ann. (clear) £6 : 13 : 4. The manor and other the hereditaments in Forton, and the other messuages in Spotland, limited, after the death of *Francis Holte*, the elder, to *Edmund Holte*, his 5th son, for life, are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5 : 13 : 4. The 6 other messuages, &c. in Spotland, Bamford, and Rachdale, limited, after the death of *Francis Holte*, the elder, to *Thomas Holte*, with remainder as aforesaid, are held in form following, viz.—the messuages, &c. in Spotland, of *the King* by knight's service (clear yearly value, 20s.); the hereditaments in Rachdale, of *the King* in free socage (clear yearly value, 10s.); the hereditaments in Bamford, of the

¹ See Part 2, page 81.

heirs of *William Bamford*, gent. (deceased), in socage by fealty only (clear yearly value, 5*s.*). The 9 other messuages, 100 acres of land, &c. in Whitworth and Spotland, limited, after the death of *Francis Holte* the elder, to *Francis*, his 2nd son, with remainder as aforesaid, are held of *the King* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 53*s.* 4*d.* The 11 other messuages, 140 acres of land, &c. in Spotland, Whitworth, and Rachdale, limited to *Ralph*, 3rd son of *Francis*, for life, are held thus:—the messuages, &c. in Spotland and Whitworth, of *the King* by knight's service; those in Rachdale, of *the King* in free socage (clear yearly value, £4). The 9 messuages, &c. in Spotland and Whitworth, limited to *John Holte*, 4th son of *Francis*, for life, are held of *the King* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40*s.* The 9 messuages, &c. in Spotland and Whitworth, limited, after the death of *Francis*, to *Edward Holte*, his 6th son, for life, are held of *the King* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40*s.* As to the residue of all the manors, messuages, lands, &c. limited to *Francis Holte* the elder for life, and then to *Thomas Holte*, with remainder as aforesaid, the Jurors know not of whom they, or any of them, are held; but their clear yearly value is 20*s.*

Alexander Butterworth, of Belfield, Esquire.

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1623.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 31 July, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Alexander Butterworth*, late of Belfield,¹ Esq., by the oath of *Richard Haughton*, *James Walmersley*, *Ralph Butterworth*, *Giles Aynsworth*, *James Chadweeke*, *William Baguley*, *Ralph Norres*, *John Butterworth*, *Miles Marsden*, *Thomas Bordman*, *Francis Isherwood*, *Robert Leaver*, *Richard Aspinall*, *Ellis Crompton*, *Edward Greenehaugh*, *Thomas Kirshawe*, *Arthur Bromeley*, *John Brooke*, *Thomas Lightboune*, *Edmund Brooke*, and *James Isherwood*, gentlemen, who say that *Alexander Butterworth* was seised in fee of 24 messuages, 4 cottages, 1 water-mill, 28 gardens,

¹ In Rochdale parish.

328 acres of land, 112 acres of meadow, 164 acres of pasture, 32 acres of wood, 104 acres of marsh, 100 acres of moor and moss, and 10s. rent, in Butterworth,¹ Belfield,¹ Castleton,¹ Honersfeld,¹ Oldham, and Manchester.

One parcel of the premises in Butterworth called "le littilquikes" is held of *the King*, as of his manor of Ratchdale, in free socage and by fealty and 2d. yearly rent. Another parcel of the premises in Butterworth is held of *Gerrard Scolfeild*, Esq., in socage by fealty and 14d. yearly rent. Another parcel of the premises in Butterworth is held of the heirs of *Ralph Belfeld* in free socage by fealty and 12d. yearly rent. Another parcel there is held of *John Belfeild* in free socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 6d. Another parcel there is held of *John Byron*, Knt., and *Robert Holt*, Esq., in socage by fealty and 7d. yearly rent. Another parcel there called "Calliards" is held of *Robert Holt* in socage by fealty and 14d. yearly rent. The residue of all the premises in Butterworth is held of *John Byron*, Knt., in free socage by fealty and 2s. 3½d. yearly rent. All the messuages, lands, and tenements in Butterworth are worth per ann. (clear) £10. 5s. The lands and tenements in Castleton are held of the heirs of *Arthur Asheton* and *Henry Scolfeild* in socage, viz. by fealty and 6d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. One parcel of the lands and tenements in Honersfeild is held of the aforesaid *Robert Holt* in socage, viz. by 6d. yearly rent. The residue of all the premises there is held of the aforesaid *John Byron*, Knt., in socage, viz. by fealty and 21d. yearly rent. All the premises in Honersfeild are worth per ann. (clear) 80s. The messuages, lands, and tenements in Oldham are held of the heirs of *Robert Barton*, Esq., in free socage, viz. by fealty and one iron barbed arrow every year, and are worth per ann. (clear) 23s. The premises in Manchester are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., in socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s.

Alexander Butterworth, being seised of the premises, died at Belfeld 25 Mar. last past [1622-23]. *Edward Butterworth* is his son and next heir, and is aged on the day of taking this Inquisition 28 years 2 months and 19 days. *Grace*, late wife of the said *Alexander*, still survives at Belfeld.

¹ In Rochdale parish.

Thomas Astley, of Stakes, Gentleman.

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No. 60.
31 July,
1623.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le mores, 31 July, 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Astley*, Gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that long before the death of *Thomas Astley* (named in the writ) one *Thomas Astley* (his father) was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage called "le Hall of Stakes" within the township of Livesaie;¹ also of 20 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, and 12 acres of pasture to the said capital messuage belonging; 6 messuages, 10 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 6 acres of pasture in Livesaie; 20 acres of land, then lately improved from the waste of Livesaie; 4 messuages, 30 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Witton; 34 acres of land, then lately improved from the waste of Witton;¹ 1 messuage, 10 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture in Netherdarwine.¹

So seised, by an Indenture dated 28 Aug., 15 James [1617], and made between themselves of the one part, and *William, Randal, Richard, and Edward Astley* (sons of *Thomas Astley*, the father), and *Millicent Paslewe*, his daughter, of the other part, *Thomas Astley* (the father) and *Thomas Astley* (the son) demised to the said *William, Randal, Richard, Edward*, and *Millicent* all that capital messuage called "le Stakes" (parcel of the premises in Livesaie); all the capital messuage called "Witton" (parcel of the premises in Witton), and all the demesne lands to the said messuages respectively belonging; also all the hereditaments of the said *Thomas* (the father) in Livesaie, Witton, and Netherdarwine (residue of the premises) to hold to them, their executors, administrators, and assigns from the day of the date thereof for the term of 20 years: provided that if the said *Thomas Astley*, or his son *Thomas* should pay to the said *William, Randal, Richard, Edward*, and *Millicent*, their executors or assigns, the sum of £300 during the said term, within the mansion-house³ called "le Stakes," that then the said demise should be void, as by the said Indenture, shown

¹ In Blackburn parish. ² Ranulphus. ³ Domum mantionalem.

to the Jurors, more fully appears. By virtue whereof *William, Randal, Richard, and Edward Astley and Millicent Paslewe* were seised of the said capital messuage and all other the premises for the term aforesaid. They and *Thomas Astley* (the father) being so seised, the latter died 2 Sept., 15 James [1617], after whose death all the premises in Livesaie, Witton, and Netherdarwine descended to *Thomas Astley* (named in the writ), as of fee, as his son and heir, and he was seised thereof.

Thomas Astley (named in the writ), *William, Randal, Richard, and Edward Astley, Millicent Paslewe, and Mary Astley*, widow, late wife of *Thomas Astley* (the father), by an Indenture dated 20 Dec., 15 James [1617], and made between themselves of the one part, and *John Southworth and Adam Southworth* of the other part, in consideration of £300 paid to them by the said *John and Adam*, demised to *John and Adam* certain parcels of the capital messuage in Witton therein specified, and also certain closes (parcel of the demesne lands in Witton), and 3 parts of "the fouldes," in 4 parts to be divided, to the said capital messuage belonging, to hold to them, their executors and assigns, for all the residue of the said term of 20 years, they paying to *Thomas Astley* (named in the writ), his heirs and assigns, the yearly rent of 2s. and "two daies leadinge turbary," and grinding all the grain remaining upon the premises at the mill of the said *Thomas* in Witton.

By another Indenture dated 20 Dec., 1617, and made between themselves of the one part, and *James Holden*, of Witton, of the other part, in consideration of the sum of £100 paid by the said *James Holden, Thomas Astley* (named in the writ), *William, Randal, Richard, and Edward Astley, Millicent Paslewe, and Mary Astley*, demised to the said *James Holden* the capital messuage called "Witton," and 1 garden thereto belonging, and a certain barn, and the 4th part (in 4 parts divided) of "the fouldes" to the said capital messuage belonging; and 5 closes (parcel of the demesne lands with the said capital messuage usually occupied); to hold to the said *James Holden*, his executors and assigns, for the residue of the said term, he paying therefor to the said *Thomas Astley*, his heirs and assigns, the yearly rent of 12d.,

and the grinding of all grain growing upon the lands so demised to *James Holden* at Astley Milne by multure and tallage. By virtue of which Indentures and demises *John Southworth*, and *Adam Southworth*, and *James Holden* severally and respectively were seised of the premises for the term aforesaid, with reversion thereof to *Thomas Astley*.

The said *Thomas*, *William*, *Randal*, *Richard*, *Edward*, and *Millicent* being so seised, by an Indenture dated 29 Dec., 15 James [1617], and made between themselves of the one part, and *William Farrington* of Werden, and *James Livesaie* of Livesaie, of the other part, enfeoffed the said *William Farrington* and *James Livesaie* of all the premises in Livesaie, Witton, and Netherdarwine, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, to the use of *Thomas Astley* (named in the writ) for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Thomas Astley*, then his son and heir apparent, for life in like manner; and after his decease successively in tail male to the use of his 1st to his 10th son; and for default of such issue to the use of divers other persons mentioned in the said Indenture, and their heirs male respectively; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Thomas Astley* (named in the writ) for ever, as by the said Indenture last mentioned, shown to the Jurors, appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Thomas Astley* (named in the writ) was seised of all the premises aforesaid as of freehold for life, with remainders thereof as aforesaid, and, so seised, he died 20 June last past [1623] at Livesaie; *Thomas Astley* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 9 years 7 months and 17 days. This said *Thomas* last named, and the *Thomas* to whom was limited the remainder of all the premises aforesaid after his father's death, are one and the same person.

The sum of £300 above mentioned has not yet been paid according to the form and effect of the condition in the first mentioned Indenture by the said *Thomas* (named in the writ) or by his son *Thomas*, to the said *William*, *Randal*, *Richard*, *Edward*, and *Millicent*.

The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Livesaie (the land lately improved from the waste of Livesaie excepted), are held of the *lord of Livesaie* in free socage by

the yearly rent of 5s. 8d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The land lately improved from the waste of Livesaie is held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 60th part of a knight's fee, and is worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Witton are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 20th part of a knight's fee, and by 9d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The messuage and other the premises in Netherdarwine are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

Sir Richard Mollineux, Knight and Baronet.

Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 28 Aug., 21 James [1623], before *Ralph Ashton*, Bart., *Charles Gerrard*, Knt., *Gilbert Ireland*, Knt., *Hugh Rigby*, Esq., Deputy Escheators, and *John Haworth*, gentleman, Deputy Feodary, after the death of *Richard Mollineux*, Knt. and Bart., by the oath of *Robert Binlose*, Knt., *Paul Fleetwood*, Knt., *Richard Bould*, *Richard Shuttleworth*, *Thomas Charnocke*, *George Preston*, *Edmund Ashton*, *Roger Kirkby*, *John Braddell*, *John Brockholes*, *Edward Chisnall*, *Savill Radcliffe*, *Thomas Westby*, *Robert Dalton*, *Alexander Rigby*, *Thomas Hargerston*, *John Crosse*, *William Preston*, *William Banckes*, *William Jackson*, and *Richard Burgh*, Esquires, who say that long before his death *Richard Mollineux* (named in the commission) was seised in fee of the manors of Sefton, Netherton,¹ Lunt,¹ Thornton cum Holmore,¹ Little Crosby,¹ Ayntree,¹ Downe Litherland alias Litherkand,¹ Orrell,¹ Ford,¹ Kirkby juxta Knowsley,² Ellell alias Ellall,³ Altekar alias Alkar, Eccleston juxta Croston, Heskine,⁴ Ewekeston alias Euxton,⁵ Ince,¹ Blundell,¹ Aughton, Lydyat alias Lydiat,⁶ Mellinge,⁶ Male alias Maghull,⁶ Fishe-wicke,⁷ Walton juxta Liverpoole, Fazakerley,² Kirkdall,²

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¹ In Sefton parish.

² In Walton parish.

³ In Cockerham parish.

⁴ In Eccleston parish.

⁵ In Leyland parish.

⁶ In Halsall parish.

⁷ In Preston parish.

Torbocke,¹ Northend,² and Ulneswalton,³ 3,000 messuages, 200 cottages, 100 tofts, 40 mills, 20 dove-cots, 8,000 acres of land, 6,000 acres of meadow, 8,000 acres of pasture, 300 acres of wood, 8,000 acres of moor, 8,000 acres of moss, 8,000 acres of furze and heath, 500 acres of fresh marsh, 500 acres of salt marsh and £40 free rent in Sefton, Netherton, Lunt, Thornton cum Halmore, Little Crosby, Great Crosby, Ayn-tree, Downe-Litherkand alias Litherland, Orrell, Ford, Kirkby juxta Knowsley, Ellell alias Ellall, Ashton in Lonesdall,⁴ Scotford,⁴ Altekar alias Alker, Eccleston juxta Croston, Heskine, Euxton alias Eukeston, Leyland, Pennington, Ince, Blundell, Aughton, Lydyat alias Lydiat, Mellinge, Male alias Maghull, Fishwick, Preston, Walton juxta Liverpool, Fazakerley, Ashton in Makerfield, Kirkdall, Ribleton,⁵ Brockholes,⁵ Cuerden alias Cuverden,⁶ Whittle in le Woodes,⁶ Charnocke Richard,⁷ West Derby,⁸ Liverpoole, Lyneker alias Lynekees,⁸ Morehouses, Gatehouses, Toxteth,⁹ Smethden, Croxteth,⁹ Torbocke, Huyton, Lancaster, Heapay alias Hepay,⁶ Heth Charnocke,⁷ Preston in Amoundernes, Whiston,¹⁰ Cronton,¹⁰ Ulneswalton, and Northend. Also as of fee and right of views of frank-pledge and whatsoever thereto belongs in Sefton, Thornton, Downe Lytherland alias Litherland, Ayn-tree, Kirkdall, Kirkby juxta Knowsley, Altekar alias Alkar, Eccleston juxta Croston, Heskine, Euxton alias Eukeston, Fishwicke, Ellall alias Ellell, Torbocke, Male alias Maghull. Also in fee and right of the rectories of Huyton and Altekar alias Alkar; the Advowsons of the Churches of Sefton and Walton, near Liverpool; the Advowsons of the Vicarages of the Churches of Huyton and Alkar; the tithes of sheaves, grains, hay, wool, flax, hemp, lambs, cows, milk, calves, pigs, geese, and all tithes, oblations, profits and emoluments whatsoever to the said Rectories belonging in Huyton, Roby, Woodfall, Knowsley, Torbock, and Alker; also of free warren in Sefton, Euxton alias Eccleston [*sic*], Alker, Kirkby juxta

¹ In Huyton parish.

² In the island of Walney, in Dalton parish.

³ In Croston parish.

⁴ In Lancaster parish.

⁵ In Preston parish.

⁶ In Leyland parish.

⁷ In Standish parish.

⁸ In Walton parish.

⁹ Extraparochial, near Liverpool.

¹⁰ In Prescot parish.

Knowsley, Downe Litherland, Orrell, and Ford ; and free fisheries in the waters of Mercie, Alte, and Ribble.

Richard Mollineux was likewise seised in fee tail, viz. to himself and his heirs of the Offices of Master of the Foresters, forests and parks of the Lord the King, within the Wapentake of West Derby ; also of the Office of Steward within the same Wapentake ; also of the Office of Constable of the Castle of Liverpool, taking the wages and fees whatsoever to the said office of Constable belonging ; also of £7. 19s. fee farm rent issuing out of lands and tenements in Hulme Wakefield, in the county of Chester ; also of the manor of Shenton, 20 messuages, 10 cottages, 30 gardens, 30 orchards, 300 acres of land, 1,000 acres of pasture, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of furze and heath, 5s. free rent, and 20s. of fee farm rent in Shenton, in the county of Leicester.

He being so seised, a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 4th week of Lent, 12 James [1614], between *William Norreis*, Knt. of the Honourable Order of the Bath, *John Byron*, the younger, Knt., *William Touse*, Serjeant at Law, *William Ford*, Esq., *Edward Michell*, Esq., and *William Ireland*, Esq., plaintiffs, and *Richard Mollineux*, Knt. and Bart. (named in the commission), and *Frances*¹ his wife, deforciants, of the capital messuage called "the Hall of Torbock" and all other hereditaments to the same belonging, also of the park commonly called "le little parke" or "Torbocke little park," in Torbocke, adjacent to the said capital messuage [here the places are set out at great length] to the uses expressed in certain Indentures dated 7 Dec., 12 James [1614], and made between the said *Richard Mollineux* of the one part, and *Thomas Carrell*, Knt., of Shepley, in Sussex, of the other part, viz. as to all those lands, tenements, and premises whereof the said Fine was levied (the lands, tenements, tithes, and premises in Alkar excepted) to the use of *Richard Mollineux* (now Knt. and Bart., and then Knt.), son and heir apparent of *Richard Mollineux* (named in the commission), for life, without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease to the use of *Mary Carrell*, whom *Richard* (the son) then intended to take to wife, and her assigns for life, for

¹ *Francisca.*

and in recompence of part of her dower. As to the lands, tenements, tithes, and other the premises in Alkar, to the use of *Richard Mollineux* and his assigns during the joint lives of the said *Richard* (the father) and *Richard* (the son); and upon the determination of these estates, then as to the premises in Alkar to the use of *Mary Carrell* and her assigns for life, in recompence of the residue of her jointure and in full satisfaction of her dower. And upon the determination of the several uses and estates so limited to *Richard* (the father), *Richard* (the son), and *Mary*, to the use of *Richard* (the son) for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease, and upon the determination of the several estates aforesaid, then successively in tail male to the use of his 1st to his 7th and every other son in tail male, and for default, then successively to the use of divers other persons in the said Indenture named, and to the use of their heirs male; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Richard Mollineux* (the son) for ever. By virtue of which Fine, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Richard Mollineux* (the son) and *Richard Mollineux* (the father) were respectively seised of the premises, with remainder and reversion thereof as aforesaid.

Richard Mollineux (the father) being also seised of the residue of the premises, another Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 4th week of Lent between *William Norreis* [K.B.], *John Byron* the younger, Knt., *William Towse*, Serjeant at Law, *William Ford*, *Edward Michell*, and *William Ireland*, Esqs., plaintiffs, and *Richard Mollineux*, deforciant, of the residue of the premises (except the offices aforesaid, and other the premises whereof the Fine above mentioned was levied, 3 parts of the manor of Maghall (in 4 parts divided), lately purchased by *Richard Mollineux* of *Richard Hulme* and *Edmund Hulme*, lying in Sefton, Thornton, Downelytherland, &c., and the mansion with the demesne lands thereto belonging commonly called "Littlewood" and "Leighouses," situate in Ulneswalton) by the name of the manors of Sefton, Thornton, Lytherland, Ayntree, &c.; 8,000 messuages, 1,000 tofts, 40 mills [here set out at great length] to the following uses, viz. as to all those manors and lordships of Ellall, Fishwick, Euxton, Eccleston juxta Croston, Heskine, and Kirkby, and as to such parts of the manors of Alkar and

Torbocke, whereof no other use is limited, and as to all those messuages, mills, lands, &c. in Ellall, Fishwicke, Euxton, Eccleston, Kirkby, Heskine, Ulneswalton, Cronton, and Whiston, or any of them, wherein no use has before been limited (except as before excepted), to the use of *Richard Mollineux* for life, without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease then to the use of *William Norreis*, Knt., *John Byron*, Knt., and *William Ireland*, their executors and assigns, for the term of 10 years, for the purpose of raising the sum of £1,000 a piece for the preferment in marriage of *Julia* and *Margaret*, two of the daughters of the said *Richard* ; and after the determination of the said term then to the use of *Richard Mollineux* and his heirs male by *Mary*. And in case he should have no issue male living at the time of his death, but should have issue one or more daughters, then to the use of *William Touse*, *William Ford*, and *Edward Michell*, and their executors for 60 years, if within that term the sum of £4,000 be not paid to such one or more daughters by the heirs male or the executors or administrators of *Richard Mollineux* (named in the commission), or by the executors or administrators of *Richard Mollineux* (the son). And, in case the said *Richard* should have no issue male, but 2 or more daughters at the time of his death, then to the use of the said Feoffees for the term aforesaid, if during that term the sum of £6,000 be not paid to such 2 or more daughters equally in like manner as above : the several payments to be made in the Inner Temple Hall, London. Nevertheless the estate limited to the said Feoffees in the last-mentioned premises was to be in trust for the benefit and use of such daughter or daughters, as the case should require ; and, upon the determination thereof, then to the use of *Richard Mollineux* (named in the commission) and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of the heirs male of the body of *William Mollineux*, then deceased, late father of the said *Richard* ; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Richard Mollineux* (the son) for ever. As to the manor of Kirkby, and such parts of the manors of Alkar and Torbocke, and of other the premises in Kirkby, Torbocke, Alkar, Cronton, and Whiston, limited to *William Norreis*, *John Byron*, and *William Ireland*, after the determination of the term aforesaid, to the use of *Richard Mollineux*

(the son) for life, without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease then successively in tail male to the use of his 1st and 2nd sons ; and for default to the successive uses of divers other persons in the said Indenture named ; and on the determination thereof to the use of *Richard Mollineux* (the son), his heirs and assigns, for ever. As to the manors and lordships of Sefton, Thornton, Downe Litherland, Ayntree, and Kirkdall, and the moiety of the manors of Ince Blundell, Northend, Mellinge, and Lydiat, and the 4th part of the manor of Maghull and Aughton, the advowsons of the Churches of Sefton and Walton, and of all the messuages, lands, rent, reversions, &c. in Sefton, Thornton, &c. to the use of *Richard Mollineux* for life, without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease to the use of *Richard Mollineux* (the son) for life in like manner ; and after his death successively in tail male to the use of his 1st to his 5th son ; and for default to the use of divers other persons in the said Indenture named and their heirs male ; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Richard Mollineux* (the son) and their assigns for ever. As to all those messuages, rents, reversions, &c. whereof *Richard Mollineux* was seised as aforesaid in Charnocke Richard, Leyland, Farrington, Heapey, Heath Charnocke, Cuerden, Whittle in le Woodes, Ribbleton, Brocholes, Preston in Amoundernes, Lancaster, and elsewhere within the county of Lancaster whereof no uses or estates were before in that Inquisition limited, to the use of *Richard Mollineux* for life, without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease, to the use of *Richard Mollineux* (the son) and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of *Richard Mollineux* (named in the commission) and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of the heirs male of *William Mollineux* ; and for default to the use of *Richard Mollineux* (the son), his heirs and assigns for ever. By virtue of which Fine and Indenture, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Richard Mollineux* was seised of the premises aforesaid as of freehold for life, with remainder and reversion thereof as aforesaid, and he died so seised 24 Feb. last past [1622-23] ; *Richard Mollineux*, Knt. and now Bart., is his son and next heir, and is now aged 29 years and more.

Julia Mollineux, after the levying of the Fine last mentioned and before the death of *Richard Mollineux*, married *Thomas*

Walmisley, Knt., and her marriage portion was paid in full; but *Margaret Mollineux* is still unmarried, and her marriage portion has not been paid, nor any part thereof. *William Norreis*, *John Byron*, and *William Ireland* have not levied nor had, of the rents and issues of the lands so limited to them, the sum of £1,000, nor any part of the marriage portion of the said *Margaret*.

The manor of Sefton, the advowson of the Church of Sefton, and all the messuages, lands, and other the premises in Sefton, Netherton, and Lunt (5 carucates of land in Sefton excepted) are held of *the King*, as of his manor of West Derby, in socage, viz. by fealty and doing suit at the Court of the Wapentake of West Darby, and are worth per ann. (clear) £45 : 10 : 3. The 5 carucates of land in Sefton are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 12th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. Of whom or by what service the manor of Thornton and other the premises in Thornton and Hulmore are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £5 : 10 : 3. Of whom or by what service the manor of Inceblundell and other the premises in Inceblundell are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £6 : 17 : 3. The manor of Little Crosby, and other the premises in little Crosby, Morehouses, and Great Crosby are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 20th part of the 4th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s., 10s. The manor of Downe Litherland, and other the premises in Downe Litherland, Lyneker, Ford, and Orrell in the parish of Sefton are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in socage, viz. by fealty and 20d. yearly rent, and suit at the Wapentake of West Darby, and are worth per ann. (clear) £10. 6d. The manor of Aintree and other the premises in Aintree are held of *the King* by knight's service, viz. by the 40th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £10. 2s. Of whom or by what service the manor of Walton and Fazakerley, and all the lands and other the premises in Walton and Fazakerley are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £3. The manor of Alkar and other the premises in Alkar are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, and are

worth per ann. (clear) £30 : 15 : 3. Of whom or by what service the manor of Kirkdall and the lands and other the premises in Kirkdall are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 46s. 8d. The manor of Mellinge and other the premises in Mellinge are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 10th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £8. Of whom or by what service the manor of Aughton and other the premises in Aughton are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. 6d. Of whom or by what service the manor of Eccleston and Heskine and other the premises in Eccleston and Heskine are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £25 : 2 : 6. The manor of Euxton and other the premises in Euxton, Cuerden, Whittle in le Woodes, Farrington, and Leyland are held of *the King*, as of the late Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, now dissolved, in socage, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) £50. 12d. The manor of Ellall, and other the premises in Ellall are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and are worth per ann. (clear) £25. 3s. Of whom or by what service the manor of Lydiat and other the premises in Lydiat are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £3. 8d. The manor of Fishwick, and other the premises in Fishwick, Ribbleton, and Brockhall are held of *the King* in socage, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) £11. 12s. The manor of Maghull and other the premises in Maghull are held of *the King*, as of his Honour of Halton, by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) £5 : 13 : 4. The manor of Kirkby and other the premises in Kirkby are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 10th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £11. The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Liverpool are held of *the King* in socage and free burgage, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 22s. 6d. Of whom or by what service the messuage, lands, and other the premises in Charnocke Richard are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Darby are held of *the King*

in socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) £2. 18s. Of whom or by what service the messuages, lands, and other the premises in Ashton in Makerfield are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 15s. 4d. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Preston are held of the King in free burgage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 18d. Of whom or by what service the lands, tenements, and other the premises in Toxteth are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £3 : 2 : 10. The rent in Hulme Wakefield, in the county of Chester, is not held of anyone or by any service because it is a rent of fee-farm, and is worth per ann. (clear) £7. 19s. Of whom or by what service the manor of Torbocke, and other the premises in Torbocke are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £15. 3s. Of whom the manor of Shenton, and the lands, tenements, and other the premises in Shenton are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £13 : 8 : 9. Of whom or by what service the manor of Ulneswalton is held the Jurors know not, and it is worth per ann. (clear) £3. 5s. The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Lancaster are held of the King in free burgage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. 6d. The warren, views of frank-pledge, free fisheries, and Offices aforesaid are not held of any one or by any service.

William Parker, of Gressingham, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 29 Aug., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Parker*, late of Gressingham,¹ gentleman, by the oath of *Bryan Baines*, *William Thornton*, *John Jackson*, *Thomas Mashender*, *Thomas Clarke*, *Robert Borton*, *Edmund Dicconson*, *Thomas North*, *John Greenhalgh*, *James Jarvis*, *Henry Forthaite*, *James Prockter*, *John Sandes*, *Thomas Hodgson*, *Thomas Caton*, *James Dicconson*, and *Edward Lodge*, gentlemen, who say that *William Parker* long before

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¹ In Lancaster parish.

his death was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 15 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, and 1 water-mill in Gressingham; also of 2 other messuages, 2 cottages, 4 gardens, 6 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 4 acres of pasture in Gressingham, in the tenure of *Edward Birkett, Mathew Sotherne, William Dickenson, and Thomas Jackson,*

The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Gressingham are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 60th part of a knight's fee and 12*d.* yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20*s.*

William Parker died so seised 24 July, 20 James [1622]; *Edward Parker* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 40 years and more.

Thomas Gillibrand, of Peele, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Bolton in le mores, 9 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Thomas Gillibrand*, late of le Peele, in Astley,¹ gentleman, by the oath of *Roger Sharples, James Crompton, Ellis Crompton, John Marshe, Robert Bolton, Roger Grundie, Peter Walmisley, Richard Aspinall, John Davenport, Gabriel Eaton, Thomas Leigh, Edward Grenehalgh, John Brooke, Lawrence Horrokes, Robert Bordman, Arthur Bromeley, Edmund Brooke, and Thomas Lightbowne*, gentlemen, who say that *Thomas Gillibrand*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage in Astley called "the Peele," with the houses, buildings, gardens, and turbaries to the same belonging; of 18 closes of land in Astley; also of 9 other messuages, 11 cottages, 1 dovecot, 1 water-mill, 20 gardens, 15 orchards, 160 acres of land, 200 acres of pasture, and 60 acres of moor, moss, and turbaries in Astley.

Being so seised, by deed, dated 30 June, 10 James [1612], he granted all the premises to *John Minshall, of Mynshall, co. Chester, Esq., and John Urmston, of Westleigh, co. Lanc., gent.*, to hold to them and their heirs for ever to the several

¹ In Leigh parish.

uses declared in a certain schedule to the said deed annexed. [Here the schedule is set out at great length in English.] In consideration of the sum of £120 paid to *Thomas Gellibrand* by *Thomas Gellibrand* his 2nd son, as also for the preferment of his daughters and younger children, and the daughters of *Geoffrey Gellibrand*, his eldest son, lately deceased, and for the establishing of his hereditaments to remain in his "name and bloode," and for the maintenance of such wife as the feoffor thereafter might marry, and for the making of a jointure for *Alice*, the then wife of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the son); *Thomas Gellibrand* (named in the writ) made the said Deed of Feoffment to the uses therein contained, and declares, viz. that *John Mynshall* and *John Urmeston* and their heirs should stand seised of all the premises, and of the reversion thereof, to the use of *Thomas Gellibrand* and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease, as to the 3rd part (in 3 equal parts to be divided) of all the premises (those messuages, cottages, lands, tithes, and hereditaments which the said *Thomas Gellibrand* had power thereby to lease for 3 lives, or 21 years, in possession or reversion during the time only of such leases as should be made thereof respectively only excepted), and also as to the 3rd equal part of all the rents, boons, and services to be reserved upon every such lease to the use of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the son) and *Alice* his wife for their lives, in the name of jointure of the said *Alice*. And as to the said 3rd part of the premises (except as before excepted), after the decease of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the son) and *Alice*, to the use of the heirs male of *Thomas* (the son); and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the feoffor); and for default to the use of *Thomas Gellibrand*, bastard son of *Thomas* (the son) and his heirs male; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Thomas* (the feoffor) for ever. And that the feoffees should stand seised of the other 2 parts and all the rest and residue of the premises after the decease of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the feoffor) to the use of *Thomas* (the son) and his heirs male; and for default to the use of the heirs male of *Thomas* (the feoffor); and for default to the use of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the bastard) and his heirs male; and for default to the use of the right heirs of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the

feoffor) for ever. Provided that *Thomas* (the son) and his heirs male, the heirs male of *Thomas* (the feoffor), and *Thomas* (the bastard) and his heirs male, or such of them to whom the premises aforesaid, or any part of them might happen to fall, should pay to *Jane* and *Elizabeth Gellibrand*, daughters of the said *Geoffrey Gellibrand*, deceased, the sum of £100, equally to be divided between them. Should either of them happen to die unmarried, then the said sum to be paid to the survivor of them. And if either of them should have died unmarried, then the sum of 40 marks only to be paid to the survivor; and for default of such payment the said feoffees and their heirs to stand seised of all the premises (except as before excepted) to the use of the said *Jane* and *Elizabeth* until such time as they should have received out of the issues and profits of the premises the sum of £100 over and above all charges and expenses. And after the satisfaction of the said sum to stand seised of the premises and of the reversions thereof, to the uses and persons thereinbefore limited after the death of *Thomas Gellibrand*. And if the premises aforesaid, or any part thereof, for default of heirs male of *Thomas* (the son), should happen to come to any heir male of *Thomas* (the feoffor), that then such heir and his heirs male should pay to the daughter or daughters of *Thomas* (the son) (if any) the sum of 100 marks equally to be divided amongst them if more than one; and in default of such payment within two years after the premises should accrue to such heir, the feoffees to stand seised thereof to the use of such daughter or daughters of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the son) until such payment should be duly made; and after the said payment to such use as by *Thomas* (the feoffor) thereinbefore was appointed. And if the premises should happen to come to *Thomas Gellibrand* (the bastard) and his heirs male or their assigns, then he or they should pay or cause to be paid to the said *Jane* and *Elizabeth* the sum of £80 equally to be divided between them, and to *Mary*, *Ellen*, and *Margaret*, daughters of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the feoffor), the sum of £120 equally to be divided amongst them within two years after the premises should so accrue to him or them, and for default of such payment the said feoffees to be seised of the premises to the use of the said

Jane and *Elizabeth*, and of *Mary*, *Ellen*, and *Margaret*, until they should have received the said sums of money, and after such payment made then to such use as thereinbefore was appointed. And if the said premises should come to the said *Jane* and *Elizabeth Gellibrand*, or to either of them, or their or either of their heirs or assigns, that they should pay to the daughter and daughters of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the feoffor) £100 equally to be divided amongst them, and to all and every the daughter and daughters of the said *Thomas* (the son), the like sum of £100 equally to be divided amongst them within the space of two years, and for default of such several payments, then the feoffees to stand seised as aforesaid to the use of all the said daughters both of *Thomas* (the feoffor) and *Thomas* (the son) until such time as they should have received such several sums; and then to the further uses thereinbefore appointed. Provided that it should be lawful for *Thomas Gellibrand* (the feoffor) to assure and convey the use of any part of the premises, not exceeding the 3rd part thereof, to the use of such wife or wives as the said *Thomas* (the feoffor) might thereafter marry, for their lives only. Also that it should be lawful for him to lease the use of all the said tithes, and of the mill called "Cowdall milne," and of certain parcels of land therein specified, for 21 years or under, to commence after the death of *Thomas Gellibrand* (the feoffor), and to lease the use of any of the premises which usually theretofore had been leased or let to farm (the moiety of 1 messuage and tenement then in the possession of one *John Birchall* or his assigns only excepted) for three lives, or for any number of years determinable upon three lives, or for 21 years or under in possession and not in reversion. And also that it should be lawful for *Thomas Gellibrand* (the son) and his heirs male, and for every other person to whom any estate was thereby limited, to make jointures to his wife of the 3rd part (in three parts to be divided), of the premises (except as before excepted) for the life only of such wife in lieu of dower. And that it should be lawful for the said *Thomas* to make leases of any part of the premises except the demesne lands belonging to the capital messuage called "the Peele." Provided that if *Thomas Gellibrand* (the son) should have an heir male or heir

male apparent, then it should be lawful for him to demise two parts (in three parts to be divided) of the premises for 21 years to commence after the death of the said *Thomas* (the feoffor) and *Thomas* (the son) if any heir of the said *Thomas* (the son) after his decease, or of *Thomas* (bastard), or any heir male of his body, or any of them should so long live. And, lastly, it was agreed by all the parties that if the said feoffment should not be perfectly executed for want of Livery and Seisin, or otherwise, before the Feast of our Lord God then next coming, that then *Thomas Gellibrand*, his heirs and assigns, should from and after the said Feast, for the considerations aforesaid, stand seised of all premises to such uses as were thereinbefore limited and appointed; as by the said deed and schedule shown to the Jurors in evidence more fully appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Thomas Gellibrand* (the father) was seised of the premises aforesaid as of freehold for life, with remainders thereof as aforesaid, and he died seised thereof 14 June last past [1623].

The capital messuage and other the messuages and premises (except 2 acres of land, parcel of the aforesaid 160 acres in Astley and the water-mill aforesaid) were held of the late *Abbot and Convent of Cokersand*, lately dissolved, before the dissolution thereof, in socage, viz. by fealty and 2s. yearly rent, but of whom they are now held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) £8. The 2 acres of land before excepted are held of *Adam Morte*, gentleman, in socage, viz. by fealty and service and 18d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4s. The mill aforesaid is held of the *King* as of his Duchy of Lancaster, as of his Honour of Widnes, in free and common socage, viz. by fealty and the yearly rent of one farthing for "Castle ward" and making suit at the Court of the manor aforesaid, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d.

Jane and *Elizabeth Gellibrand*, daughters of *Geoffrey Gellibrand*, deceased, are the next heirs of *Thomas Gellibrand*, and are aged respectively at the time of taking this Inquisition, *Jane* 20 years and more, and *Elizabeth* 16 years and more.

Alexander Standish, of Duxbury, Esquire.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 11 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Alexander Standish, of Duxbury*,¹ Esq., by the oath of *Thomas Worthington, of Worthington, Esq., Thomas Worthington, of Cromshawe* [?], *James Whithalgh, John Smith, Thurstan Standishe, Hugh Tootell, William Tootell, Richard Prescott, Thomas Wasley, James Wilkinson, Ellis Sumpner, George Harwood, John Whittle, John Withnell, Thomas Nightgall, James Sumpner, William Haukeshead, Thomas Woodcocke, Miles Sumpner, Richard S...dley, Thomas Lowe, George Browne, Richard Lassell, and William Worthington*, gentlemen, who say that *Alexander Standish* long before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee of the manor of Duxbury; and of 13 messuages, 13 gardens, 1 water-mill, 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 150 acres of pasture, 12 acres of wood, 20 acres of moor, and 12s. free rent in Duxbury; and of the manor of Heapey³, and 28 messuages, 28 gardens, 1 water-mill, 400 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 240 acres of pasture, 4 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, 100 acres of moor, and 14d. free rent in Heapey; and of the tithes of sheaves and grain yearly growing in Heapey; and of the manor of Whittle in le Woodes;³ and of 20 messuages, 20 gardens, 1 water-mill, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 1 acre of wood, 12 acres of moor and 30s. free rent in Whittle in le Woodes; and of the manor of Heath Charnocke,¹ and 12 messuages, 12 gardens, 160 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 12 acres of wood, 30 acres of moor, and 27s. free rent in Heath Charnocke. The said *Alexander Standish* was also seised as of fee of the reversion of the manor of Anlezargh,⁴ and of the reversion of 12 messuages, 12 gardens, 1 water-mill, 240 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 130 acres of pasture, 8 acres of wood, 500 acres of furze and heath, 200 acres of moor, 100 acres of marsh, and 3s. free rent in Anlezargh, after the death of *Alice Countess*

¹ In Standish parish.

³ In Leyland parish.

² Elicius.

⁴ In Bolton parish.

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of *Derby*, who holds the said manor and other the premises in Anlezargh for life; the said Countess is yet living at Anlezargh. And the said *Alexander Standish* was also seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 6 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, 7 acres of pasture, and 5 acres of moor in Standishe; 1 messuage, 1 garden, 30 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 15 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 12 acres of moor in Worthington;¹ and 1 messuage, 1 garden, 20 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, and 15 acres of moor in Langtree;² and 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 6 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 12 acres of pasture, and 5 acres of moor in the town of Lancaster; and 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 8 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, and 6 acres of moor in Scotforth;³ and 1 messuage, 1 garden, 6 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow, 9 acres of pasture, and 3 acres of moor in Burrowe;⁴ and 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 10 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 8 acres of pasture in Longton;⁴ and 12 messuages, 12 gardens, 80 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture in Gousenargh;⁵ and 1 messuage, 1 garden, and 3 acres of land in Chorley.

Being so seised, 31 March, 20 James [1622], he made his Will, whereby he gave the premises in Standishe, Langtree, and Worthington by the name of the capital messuage called "Bradlehall," and all his hereditaments thereto belonging, and all his hereditaments in Standishe, Langtree, and Worthington to *Thomas Standishe*, then his son and heir apparent, and his (*Thomas*) assigns for the term of his life; and after his decease, to one *Anne Standishe*, lately deceased, then wife of the said *Thomas*, for her life; and after her decease, to the heirs male of the body of the said *Thomas Standishe*; and in default, to the heirs male of the body of himself the said *Alexander Standishe*; and in default, to the right heirs of himself the said *Alexander Standishe* for ever. And further, by the same Will he gave all the said premises in Duxbury, Heapey, Whittle in le Woodes, Anlezargh, Heath Charnocke (except 1 messuage and 8 acres of land in Heath Charnocke lately purchased by him of *Thomas Broad-*

¹ In Standish parish.

² In Lancaster parish.

³ In Tunstall parish.

⁴ In Penwortham parish.

⁵ In Kirkham parish.

hurst, clerk) to the said *Thomas Standishe* and his heirs male ; and in default, to the heirs male of the body of himself (*Alexander*) ; and in default, to his right heirs for ever. And further, he gave the premises in Scotforth, Burrowe, Lancaster, Longton, and Goosenargh, and also the tenements in Heath Charnocke (before excepted) to *Christopher Bannastre*, of Gray's Inn, in the county of Middlesex, Esq., and *Thomas Sergeant*, of Newton, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman, and their heirs. And he gave to *Richard Standishe*, *Ralph Standishe*, and *Alexander Standishe*, his younger sons, and to each of them for the term of their lives, a yearly rent of £33 : 6 : 8, issuing from the premises in Heapey, Whittle in le Woodes, Heath Charnocke, and Anlezargh (except 36 acres of land in Heapey, formerly in the tenures of *James Abbott* and *Thomas Prescott* ; 35 acres of land formerly in the tenure of *Ralph Leyland* ; 50 acres of enclosed land of the waste of the manor of Whittle ; 8 acres of land purchased of the said *Thomas Broadhurst* ; and except 30 acres of land in Heath Charnocke, formerly in the occupation of one *George Croston*), to be paid to the said *Richard*, *Ralph*, and *Alexander* [the younger] as therein expressed, as by the said Will, shown to the Jurors in evidence, more fully appears.

Alexander Standish, being so seised, died 18 June, 20 James [1622], after whose death the said *Thomas Standishe* was seised of the premises so given to him, as required by law.¹ The said *Christopher Bannestre* and *Thomas Sergeant* likewise after the death of the said *Alexander* were seised of the premises so given to them, as required by law.¹

The manor of Duxbury, and all other the premises in Duxbury are worth per ann. (clear) £5, but of whom they are held the Jurors know not. The manor of Heapey and all other the premises in Heapey (except tithes) are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and are worth per ann. (clear) £6 : 13 : 4. The said tithes of sheaves are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. 4d., but of whom they are held the Jurors know not. The manor and all other the premises in Whittle in le Woodes are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, but by what part of a

¹ "Prout lex postulat et requirit."

knight's fee the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The manor and all other the premises in Heath Charnocke are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and they are worth (except the tenement purchased of *Thomas Broadhurst*, which is worth yearly 6 pence) per ann. (clear) 40s. The manor and all other the premises in Anlezargh are worth per ann. (clear) 33s. 4d. The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Standish are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Worthington are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Langtree are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. 4d. Of whom these are respectively held the Jurors know not. The messuage, lands, and other the premises in the town of Lancaster are held of *the King* in free and common burgage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. 4d. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Scotforth are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Burrowe are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Longton are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Goosenargh are worth per ann. (clear) 26s. 8d. The premises in Chorley are worth per ann. (clear) 6d. Of whom these respectively are held the Jurors know not.

Thomas Standishe is the son and heir of *Alexander Standish*, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 29 years and more. *Christopher Bannestre* and *Thomas Sargent* have occupied all the premises so devised to them as aforesaid, and have received the issues and profits thereof from the time of the death of the said *Alexander* up to the day of taking this Inquisition. *Thomas Standish* has occupied the residue of all the manors, lands, and premises, and has taken the issues and profits of the same for the same length of time.

William Barcrofte, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Blackburne, 12 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Barcrofte*, gentleman, by the oath of *John*

Roades, James Whitoughe, Richard Crombleholme, Thurstan Marwdesley, John Smith, John Ward, James Cunliffe, John Peele, Thomas Osbaldeston, John Elisweeke, Richard Parker, Thomas Stanley, Henry Walmisley, Edward Hawkeshey, Richard Barker, Richard Dickonson, Lawrence Ainsworth, and Robert Aspinall, gentlemen, who say that William Barcroft, long before his death, was seised in fee of 11 messuages, 1 cottage, 120 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 100 acres of moor and turbary in Clivicher,¹ Worsthorne,¹ and Hurstwood; also of the moiety of 3 messuages and 1 cottage in Blackburne, and of 24 acres of arable land, meadow and pasture, in Blackburne, to the said messuages and cottage belonging.

The messuages, lands, and tenements in Clivicher are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage and by the yearly rent of 23s. 9d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 46s. 8d. The messuages and other the premises in Worsthorne and Hurstwood are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in socage and by the rent of the 16th part of 1 penny, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. The messuages and other the premises in Blackburne are held of *Thomas Barton, Knt.*, as of his manor of Blackburne, in free and common socage and by 2s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

William Barcroft, being so seised, died 4 Jan., 18 James [1620-21], and *Robert Barcroft*, gentleman, is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 27 years 7 months and more.



Thomas Widder, of Oberkellet, Yeoman.

Writ dated 26 Aug., 21 James [1623], directed to the Escheator of Lancashire, commanding him to take into the hands of *the King* all the lands and tenements of *Thomas Widder*, in the Bailiwick of the said Escheator, and to keep them in his safe custody until he should receive

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¹ In Whalley parish.

further commands. Also to enquire what lands the said *Thomas* held, &c.

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Inquisition taken at Garstange, 16 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Widder*, late of Overkellett,¹ yeoman, by the oath of *Edmund Lodge*, *Henry Forthwaite*, *Robert Burton*, *John Turner*, *Thomas Drinkell*, *William Myres*, *Thomas Heaton*, *Marmaduke Hodgson*, *Thomas Baiteson*, *Henry Foxcroft*, *Thomas Dicconson*, *Richard Waller*, *John Pearson*, *Thomas Horneby*, *Thomas Masheter*, *Thomas Hodgson*, *Brian Dickson*, and *Thomas Taylor*, gentlemen, who say that *Thomas Widder* was seised in fee of 2 messuages, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow and 10 acres of pasture, and 1 acre of wood, together with common of pasture for all his cattle in Overkellett.

The messuages and other the premises are held of the King, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

Thomas Widder, being so seised, died 18 March, 20 James [1622-23], at Overkellett; *Robert Widder* is his son and heir, and was aged at the taking of this Inquisition 4 years 3 months and 13 days.

Christopher Walmisley, of Claughton.

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Inquisition taken at Preston, 17 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Christopher Walmisley*, late of Claughton, by the oath of *Richard Blundell*, *Thomas Beesley*, *Henry Hodgkinson*, *Leonard Sergant*, *Bryan Baynes*, *Edmund Machon*, *Richard Whalley*, *John Ryley*, *William Arthwrig[t]*, *Thomas Walmisley*, *James Breres*, *John Hardman*, *William Sudell*, *William Tasker*, *James Archer*, *Richard Taylor*, *John Sumpner*, and *Edward Lawrenson*, gentlemen, who say that long before the death of *Christopher Walmisley* one *James Browne* was seised in fee

¹ In Bolton le Sands parish.

of 1 messuage, 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Claughton.

So seised, by Indenture dated 2 June, 7 James [1609], he demised the premises to *Elizabeth* wife of *Christopher Walmisley*, and to *William Walmisley* his (*Christopher's*) son; to hold to them, their executors, administrators and assigns, after the death of the said *Christopher* [named in the writ], for 100 years, if the said *Elizabeth* and *William*, or either of them, should so long live, paying therefor to the said *James Browne* and his heirs and assigns a yearly rent of 20s., as by the said Indenture shown to the Jurors more fully appears.

By another Indenture dated 6 Aug., 10 James [1612], the said *James Browne* gave and conveyed all the premises aforesaid in Claughton to *Christopher Walmisley*, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns for ever, as by the last-mentioned Indenture, also shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears. By virtue whereof the said *James Browne* entered into all the premises aforesaid, and was seised thereof in fee.

The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Claughton are held of *Thomas Richardson* in free and common socage, viz. by fealty and 16d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

Christopher Walmisley, being so seised, died 7 May last past [1623]; *William Walmisley* is his son and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 18 years 2 months and 24 days. Immediately after the death of *Christopher Walmisley*, *Elizabeth* and *William Walmisley* entered into all the said premises in Claughton, by virtue of the demise made to them by *James Browne*, and were thereof possessed for the term of 100 years. *Elizabeth Walmisley* and *William Walmisley* still survive at Preston.

Thomas Gregorie, of Woodplumpton, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 18 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Gregorie*, late of Woodplumpton,¹

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¹ In St. Michael le Wyre parish.

gentleman, by the oath of *Richard Blundell, John Crooke, Thomas Beesley, Brian Baynes, Edmund Machon, Thomas Walmesley, John Sumpner, William Suddall, James Breres, John Hardman, Richard Teylor, James Archer, Richard Whalley, Thomas Hatch, William Arthwright, and Henry Hodgkinson*, gentlemen, who say that *Thomas Gregorie* was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, and 14 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Woodplumpton, and of 6 acres of land in Broughton.¹

The premises in Woodplumpton are held of *Robert Bannestre, Knt.*, in free and common socage by fealty and 2d. rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d. The 6 acres in Broughton are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, *in capite*, by military service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s.

Thomas Gregorie did at Woodplumpton 21 Aug., 20 James [1622], and *William Gregorie*, his son and heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 24 years and more.

Thomas Lathum, of Parbold, Esquire.

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Inquisition taken at Wigan, 25 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Robert Curwen*, gentleman, *Hugh Rigby, Esq.*, Deputy Escheator, and *John Haworth*, gentleman, Deputy Feodary of the County, after the death of *Thomas Lathum*, late of Parbold,² Esq., by the oath of *Robert Barrowe, Robert Halliwell, Peter Rigby, William Foster, James Pilkington, James Markland, Thomas Banckes, William Forthe, John Hampson, Richard Casson, James Leigh, Roger Bullocke, Geoffrey Sherington, Miles Letherbarrowe, Thomas Tarleton, Thurstan Pemberton, Christopher Banckes, and William Woode*, gentlemen, who say that *Thomas Lathum* was seised in fee, as of fee tail, viz. to him and his heirs male, and in default of such to the heirs male of *Richard Lathum*, Esq., deceased, late father of the said *Thomas*, with reversion to the said *Thomas* and his heirs, of the manor of Parbold, and

¹ In Preston parish.

² In Eccleston parish.

of 1 capital messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 50 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 30 acres of wood, 20 acres of heath and briar, and 1 water-mill in Parbold; of 12 messuages, 8 cottages, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 60 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, and 20 acres of heath and briar in Parbold; of 20 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 15 acres of pasture in Parbold, late belonging to the Chantry of Dugles, in the parish of Eccleston next Croston, lately dissolved; of the 4th part of the manor of Wrightington; of 4 burgages and the 7th part of another burgage in Newborough;¹ of the advowson of the rectory or parish church of Eccleston; of 5 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 5 acres of pasture in Dalton; of the reversion of the manor of Allerton, and 1 capital messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 50 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 50 acres of pasture, and 200 acres of heath and briar in Allerton; of 6 messuages, 8 cottages, 14 gardens, 14 orchards, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 80 acres of pasture in Allerton, after the death of *Elizabeth Lathum*, widow, mother of the said *Thomas*, and late wife of *Richard Lathum*, Esq., deceased. The said *Elizabeth* survives, and is seised of the manor of Allerton and of the said premises in Allerton for her life, with reversion to the said *Thomas*. *Thomas Lathum* was also seised of the 4th part of the manor of Wrightington, and of 6 messuages, 50 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, and 200 acres of heath and briar in Wrightington, purchased by the said *Thomas* of *Roger Kirkby*, Esq.

The manor of Parbold and the premises in Parbold (except the 20 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 15 acres of pasture belonging to the Chantry of Dugles) and the 4th part of the manor and the premises in Wrightington, are held of *William*, Earl of *Derby*, by military service and the annual rent of 1 rose and 23d., and are worth per ann. (clear) £3:6:8. The 4th part of the manor of Wrightington and the premises in Wrightington purchased of *Roger Kirkby*, Esq., are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of Manchester in socage by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d. The manor of Allerton and the premises in Allerton

¹ In Ormskirk parish.

are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of Manchester, by military service and 1*d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40*s.* The 20 acres, &c. belonging to the Chantry of Dugles are held of *the King*, as of his manor of East Greenwich, in free and common socage by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6*s. 8d.* The premises in Dalton are held of *the King in capite*, by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3*s. 4d.* The advowson of the Parish Church of Eccleston is held of *the King in capite*, by the 1000th part of a knight's fee, and is worth per ann. (clear) 1*d.* The burgages, &c. in Newborough are held of *William, Earl of Derby*, in free and common socage by 4*s. 7d.* rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 15*d.*

Thomas Lathom died 6 June last past [1623], and *Richard Lathom*, Esq., his son and heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 8 months and 9 days and not more. *Elizabeth*, late wife of *Thomas*, survives at Parbold.

James Sorocold, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Wigan, 25 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *James Sorocold*, gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *James Sorocold*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 1 messuage, and 3 acres of land, meadow and pasture, with the same messuage occupied in Lawton;¹ also of 3 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Kenion,¹ lately purchased of *Nicholas Lythgoe*, 1 other messuage in Lawton, and 14 acres of land, meadow and pasture, therewith occupied, lately purchased of *John Ashton*, Esq., and *Juliana*, his wife.

The messuage and 3 acres of land in Lawton are held of *Richard Fleetwood*, Knt. and Bart., as of his manor of Newton, in free socage by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2*s.* The 3 acres of land in Kenion are held of *Edward Holland*, as of his manor of Kenion, in free socage by fealty, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2*s.* The messuage, and other the premises in Lawton are held of *Richard Fleetwood*, Knt.

¹ In Winwick parish.

and Bart., as of his manor of Newton, in free and common socage by fealty and 6d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s.

James Sorrocold died 30 Dec. last past [1622]; *James Sorocold*, the younger, is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 26 years and more.

Robert Midgall, of Blackhall, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 25 Sept., 21 James [1623], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Robert Midgall*, late of Blackehall, in Gousenargh,¹ by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Robert Midgall* long before his death was seised in fee of the moiety of 1 close of land in Gousenargh called "Braban field"; also of 2 messuages, 1 cottage, 3 gardens, 40 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture in Gousenargh; also of 20 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Gousenargh, lately improved from the waste; also of the reversion, after the death of *Anne Midgall*, late wife of *George Midgall* (father of *Robert*), of 3 messuages, 1 cottage, 3 orchards, 4 gardens, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of moor, moss, and turbary in Barton, of which premises *Anne* was seised in demesne of freehold for her life. *Robert*, being so seised, made his will, dated 30 March, 1623, describing himself as "Robert Midghall of Blackehall in Gousenargh, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman," whereby he appointed that all his personal estate should be valued, and converted [into money] for the discharge of his debts. And he willed that his mother-in-law [step-mother?] *Anne Midgall* should have all the lands in Barton in Amoundernes, formerly appointed unto her by his late father for her jointure, during her life, upon condition that she should within one year after the death of him (the testator) cause to be given or released unto his executors or administrators the sum of £20 out of that debt which he owed unto Mr. *Francis Mosley*, or out of some other

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¹ In Kirkham parish.

debt which he (the testator) owed to some other person for her use. And he willed that *Alice* his wife should have to her and her assigns during her life, for her jointure and in lieu of dower, all the lands and hereditaments limited unto her for her jointure in an Indenture made between him (the testator) of the one part and *William Waringe* and *Thomas Beesley* of the other part, dated 29 March, 1623. And he gave to his friends, *Richard Shuttleworth*, of Barton, in Amoundernes, Esq., *Cuthbert Hesketh*, of Gousenargh, gentleman, and *William Beesley*, of Brookes, gentleman, and their heirs, all the aforesaid premises after the respective deaths of his said mother-in-law and wife. And he gave to the said *Richard*, *Cuthbert*, and *William* all other his lands and hereditaments whatsoever in the county of Lancaster (except the "Barbonfeildes" and "Tinkler feild") from the day of his death until from the issues thereof, and from his personal estate, his debts should be paid; and afterwards until his brothers' and sisters' portions, given unto them by his said father's will (being £20 a piece), should be paid. And that in the meantime with the said issues maintain with meat, drink, lodging, schoolding, and apparel his (the testator's) little son *George Midghall*. And after his said debts and his said brothers' and sisters' portions should be paid as aforesaid, he willed that all his said lands, &c. (except before excepted) should remain unto his said son *George Midgall* and his heirs male, and for default to the heirs male of his said late father, and lastly to his own right heirs for ever. And he thereby constituted the said *Cuthbert Hesketh* and *Alice* his (the testator's) said wife his executors.

The messuages and other the premises in Barton are held of *Richard Shuttleworth*, Esq., in right of *Fleetwood Shuttleworth*, his wife, as of her manor of Barton in free and common socage, viz. by fealty and the yearly rent of 2s., and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s.; the moiety of the aforesaid close in Gousenargh, called "Braban fild," and the 2 messuages, &c. in Gousenargh are held of *Richard Houghton*, Knt. and Bart., in free and common socage, viz. by fealty and the yearly rent of 20d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.; the 20 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Gousenargh are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the

200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d.

Robert Midgall died at Gousenargh on the last day of March last past [1623]; *George Midgall* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 3 years 9 months and 21 days. *Alice*, late his wife, still survives at Gousenargh.

William Ravalda, of Manchester.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le Mores, 9 Jan., 21 James [1623-4], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Ravalda*, by the oath of *Roger Sharples*, *Francis Isherwood*, *Edward Greenhalgh*, *Edmund Brooke*, *Lawrence Horrocks*, *John Brooke*, *Richard Derbyshire*, *Robert Haslome*, *John Horrocks*, *Thomas Lightbowne*, *Lawrence Lord*, *Robert Bolton*, *James Crompton*, *Edmund Stweetlond*, *Charles Leigh*, and *John Dampford*, gentlemen, who say that *William Ravalda* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 2 cottages, 3 gardens, 16 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in Kersall;¹ also of 4 messuages, 3 gardens, 1 house, and 1 parcel of land called "le Cockefight Place" in Manchester.

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So seised, by his Will dated 11 Oct. last past [1623], he gave to *Richard*, *Robert*, *John*, *Elizabeth*, and *Mary Ravalda*, his children, 2 parts of all the premises aforesaid, to hold to them and their assigns for the term of 10 years, after his decease, without impeachment of waste, as by the said Will, shown to the Jurors, more fully appears.

The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Kersall are held of the King by knight's service, viz. by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 13s. 4d. The messuages and other the premises in Manchester are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of Manchester, in free socage, and by the rent of 22d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 13s. 4d.

William Ravalda died 12 Oct. last past [1623], and *William*

¹ In Manchester parish.

Ravald is his son and heir, and was aged 16 years on 9 Aug. last past [1623].

Lawrence Towneley, of Barnesett, Esquire.

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Inquisition taken at Preston in Amondernes, 15 Jan., 21 James [1623-4], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Lawrence Towneley, Esq.*, by the oath of *James Whithalgh, Henry Hodgkinson [of Churchsteele], John Sumpner, Richard Whalley, John Hardman, James Breret, William Sudell, Thomas Blackburne, Edmund¹ Wereden, James Archer, Henry Hodgkinson, draper, Anthony Higham, Richard Tailor, Edward Lawrenson, James Hesketh, Thomas Bushell, and William Tasker*, gentlemen, who say that *Lawrence Towneley* on the day of his death was seised in fee of the manor or capital messuage of Barnsett, in Barnesett in the parish of Colne; of 1 garden, 1 orchard, 60 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood and underwood in Barnesett; 4 messuages, 4 gardens, and 100 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Barnesett; also of the 3rd part of the moiety of 2 messuages in Goosenargh,² called "Lekehurst" and "Broadhead"; also of the 3rd part of the 3rd part of the manor of Goosenargh; also of the 3rd part of 20 messuages, 10 cottages, 1 water-mill, 80 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, and 80 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood, and 300 acres of moor, moss, and turbary in Gousenargh; and of the 6th part (in 6 parts divided) of the manor or lordship of Wrightington,³ and of 3 messuages, 1 cottage, and 100 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Wrightington; 1 messuage and 3 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Poulton;⁴ 2 messuages and 30 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Little Marsden;⁵ 1 messuage and 10 acres of land, meadow, and pasture within the forest of Troden.

The manor or capital messuage of Barnsett and all the premises in Barnesett are held of the *King in capite*, viz. by the

¹ Ed'i in the next Inq.

² In Kirkham parish.

³ In Eccleston parish.

⁴ In Lancaster parish.

⁵ In Whalley parish.

200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £3. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Goosennargh are held of *Richard Shereburne*, Esq., as of the manor or priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England in socage and by 2s. 6½d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. The 6th part of the manor or lordship of Wrightington and other the premises in Wrightington are held of *Edward Mosley*, Esq., as of his manor of Manchester, in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 30s. The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Poulton are held of *Richard Sherburne*, Esq., as of the manor or priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England in free and common socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Little Marsden are held of *the King* in free and common socage, by fealty and 1 rose. The messuage and 10 acres of land, meadow, and pasture, and other the premises within the forest of Troden, are held of *the King*, as of his manor of Colne, in free and common socage, and not *in capite*, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. 4d.

Lawrence Towneley died 9 Sept. last past [1623]; *Richard Towneley* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 26 years and more.

John Mancknoles, of Townhouse, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston, 15 Jan., 21 James [1623-24], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Mancknoles*, gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *John Mancknoles*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 16 acres of pasture in Mersden,¹ commonly called "le Towne howse." So seised, he made his will dated 22 Nov., 10 James [1612], describing himself as "*John Manchnolls*, of Townhowse, in Great Marsden, in the com^t of Lancaster, yeoman," whereby he desired to be buried "att

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¹ In Whalley parish.

the pishe Church or Chappell of Colne amongst the bodies of the ffaithfull therein buried." His freehold land at Townehowse he had already by deed dated 26 June, "in the xlviijth yeare of the reaigne of *Elizabeth* of famous memorie late Queene of Englaund" [1602], granted unto *Henry Walton*, of Barkerhowse, and *Roger Pollard*, son and heir of *George Pollard*, of Hapton, in the county of Lancaster, yeomen, and their heirs for ever, to hold the said lands and all other the premises in the said deed mentioned, to them and their heirs for ever, to such uses as in a certain schedule annexed to the said deed are expressed, viz. as to a 3rd part of the said premises to the use of him (the testator) and *Jane* his wife for the life of the survivor of them, in the name of the jointure and dower of the said *Jane*. And as to the other two 3rd parts thereof to the use of him (the testator) for life, and after his decease and the decease of *Lettice*, his (the testator's) mother, then as to the said two 3rd parts thereof, as well as to the other 3rd part thereof, to the use of the testator's sons by the said *Jane* successively in tail male. And for default to the use of him the said *John Mancknolles* and his heirs and assigns for ever, or to such other person as he should by will or deed appoint. And whereas by the said deed and schedule it was provided that if he (the testator) should die, and such issue male by the said *Jane*, his wife, as should inherit the premises by force of the limitations aforesaid should be under the age of 21 years, that then the said *Henry Walton* and *Roger Pollard* should stand seised of the said premises to the use of such person as he the said *John Mancknolles* should by his will or other act appoint until the said heir male should accomplish his age of 28 [sic] years. Therefore he the said *John Mancknolles* did declare by that his will, and he thereby appointed two parts of the said premises unto *Margaret Mancknolles* and *Ellen Mancknolles* his "naturall¹ doughtors," for their pre ferment, to hold the same to the said *Margaret* and *Ellen*, and their assigns, from the day of his decease, and as the same might fall out of dower or feoffment after his death by the death of the said *Jane*, his wife, or *Lettice*, his mother, if they or either of them should survive him, until *Henry*

¹ Here the word "natural" does not mean illegitimate.

Mancknolles, his son and heir, should accomplish his age of 24 years, or would have accomplished his age of 24 years if he should happen to die, "w^{ch} god forbide." And whereas theretofore he the said *John Mancknolles* had surrendered into the hands of the King, by *James ffeldes*, customary tenant, his copyhold messuage and 10 acres of land at Townehowse aforesaid, in the manor of Colne, of the yearly rent of 3*s.* 4*d.*, in the occupation of him the said *John Mancknolles* and of the said *Lettice*, his mother, to the use of the said *Henry Walton*, of Barkerhowse, and the said *Roger Pollard*, son and heir of the said *George Pollard*, and of their heirs to the intent that thereupon they should be feoffees fined and seised to such uses as he the said *John Mancknolles* should declare by his will; therefore he the said *John Mancknolles*, touching the said copyhold messuage and all other the premises in the said surrender named did declare by that his will the uses thereof to be as follows:—First, that the said *Henrie Walton* and *Roger Pollard* and their heirs should be feoffees fined and seised in trust according to the custom of the manor of Colne, of 2 parts of the said messuage, and the said 10 acres, &c. from his decease, to the use of the said *Margaret* and *Ellen Mancknolls* and their assigns for their preferment, and as the same 2 parts or any part of the last-named premises might happen to fall out of jointure or use after his death, by the death of *Jane*, his said wife, or *Lettice*, his mother, for and until *Henry Mancknolles*, his said son and heir, should accomplish the age of 24 years, or would have accomplished the same if he should happen to die before that age. And the testator gave the reversion and remainder of all the said copyhold premises as the particular estates thereof should determine to the use of the said *Henry Mancknolles* his heirs and assigns for ever. And concerning his worldly goods, he willed that all his debts should be first paid out of the same, and then his said goods should be divided into 3 equal parts, whereof *Jane*, his wife, should have 1 part as in her own right, and the 2nd part should remain equally among his said daughters; and out of the 3rd part, after his funeral expenses discharged, he gave 20*s.* to *John Mancknolles*, son of *Lawrence Mancknolles*, his (the testator's) brother. And he gave to every child that he was godfather to 12*d.*; and

he gave to *Henry Mancknolles*, his son and heir, his "great meale Arcke, and all Trouges of Stone to bee and Remaine heirlombes" to his house. And he made the said *Margaret Mancknolles* and *Ellen Mancknolles* the executors of that his will, and he appointed *Lawrence Lugen*, of Southfield, his uncle, and *Lawrence Mancknolles*, his brother, the supervisors thereof.

The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Mersden are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, *in capite* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 13*s.* 4*d.*

John Mancknolles died being so seised 22 Dec. last past [1623]. *Henry Mancknolles* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 19 years 9 months and 7 days.

Roger Nowell, of Whalley, Gentleman.

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1623-24.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 15 Jan. 21 James [1623-4], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Roger Nowell*, late of Whalley, gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Roger Nowell* was seised in fee of 2 acres of land in Whalley; also of a moiety of a parcel of land in Whalley, containing altogether in land dry and covered with water $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre, held in common with *Roger Kenion*, gentleman.

The 2 aeres of land and the moiety of the aforesaid $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Whalley are held of *the King* *in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 30th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 4*s.* 6*d.*

Roger Nowell died 12 Nov. last past [1623], and *Roger Nowell* is his son and heir, and was aged on 12 March last past [1622-3], 17 years. *Katherine*, late wife of the said *Roger Nowell* (named in the writ) is at the time of taking this Inquisition yet alive at Whalley.

John Brabine, of Docker, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 18 March, 21 James [1622-3], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *John Brabine*, late of Docker,¹ gentleman, by the oath of *John Rodes, James Jarvise, William Winstone, Thomas Bateson, Edmund Borwick, John Forton, Thomas Styth, Thomas Osbaldeston, Thomas Stanley, Richard Mersden, Thomas Lowde, and John Bradeley*, gentlemen, who say that long before the death of the said *John Brabine* one *Henry Brabine*, his grandfather, viz. father of one *William Brabine*, his younger son, father of the said *John Brabine* (named in the writ) was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage, called "Docker Hall," 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 40 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Docker, within the township of Whittington; also of 1 other capital messuage called "Hurst," 1 garden, 1 orchard, 50 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in the hamlet of Docker; also of 3 acres of land and meadow, called "Eward Eng," in the hamlet of Docker; also of 8 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Docker, called "Mortintacke"; also of 12 [acres] of land, meadow and pasture, called "Robfall lately," improved from the wastes of Newton, in Newton; also of 10 messuages, 6 cottages, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 100 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Arholme;² also of 12 messuages, 19 cottages, 15 gardens, 15 orchards, 140 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Over Bentham, Nether Bentham, Fowegill, and Greysongill, in the county of York.

The said *Henry Brabine*, being so seised, by his Will bequeathed and devised all the messuages, lands, and tene-ments aforesaid to *William Brabine*, then his younger son, for life; with remainder to *John Brabine* (named in the writ), eldest son of the said *William Brabine*, for life, with remainder to the first-born son of the said *John Brabine* and his heirs male; and for default to the 2nd and other sons of the said *John* successively in tail male; and for default to *William Brabine*, younger son of the said *William Brabine* (father of *John*, named in the writ) for life, with remainder to his first-born

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¹ In Whittington parish.

² Arkholme (?) in Melling parish.

son and his heirs male, with divers remainders over; with remainder, lastly, to the right heirs of the said *John* (named in the writ) for ever, as by the said Will, shown to the Jurors, appears. Afterwards *Henry Brabine* died, *Thomas*, his eldest son and next heir, and *William Brabine* being then alive, after whose death *William Brabine* (the father) entered into all the premises aforesaid, and was seised thereof, as the law demands, and, being so seised, he died. After his death *John Brabine* (named in the writ) entered into all the messuages, lands, and other the premises aforesaid, and was seised thereof, as the law demands.

John Brabine (named in the writ), on the day of his death, was seised in fee of 4 messuages, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 60 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in the hamlet of Docker, in the several tenures of *John North*, *William Whithead*, *John Heaton*, and *Marmaduke Margeson*. He died 9 June last past [1623] without heirs male of his body. *William Brabine*, younger son of the said *William Brabine* (father of *John*), is his (*John's*) brother and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 17 years 1 month and 10 days.

The messuages, lands, and tenements in the hamlet of Docker and Newton are held of *the King*, by knight's service, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, viz. by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £3. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Arholme are held of *Henry, Lord Morley and Mountegle*, by knight's service, as of his manor of Horneby, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Overbentham, Netherbentham, Fowegill, and Graysomgill, are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

Simon Dawney, of Whittington, Gentleman.

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18 Mar.
1623-24.

Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 18 March, 21 James [1623-4], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Simon Dawney*, late of Whittington, gentleman, by

¹ In Whittington parish.

the oath of the same Jurors, who say that *Simon Dawney* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage and 16 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Whittington, lately purchased of *Robert Bindlosse*, Knt. ; 1 messuage and 6 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Whittington, lately purchased of *Miles Bailiffe* ; 2 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Whittington, lately purchased of *William Harrison* and *James Johnson* ; 1 messuage and 12 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Newton,¹ lately purchased of *Henry Brabine*, gent. ; 5 roods of land in Newton, lately purchased of *Thomas Nelson* ; 1½ acres of land in Newton, lately purchased of *Edmund Tatham* ; 3 roods of land in Newton, lately purchased of *Edward Godsalve* ; 3 roods of land in Newton, lately purchased of *John Knight* ; 5 roods of land in Newton, purchased of *Thomas Whithead* ; 6 roods of land in Newton, purchased of *Leonard Even* ; and 3 roods of land in Tunstall, lately purchased of *William Burton*.

The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Whittington are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The lands and other the premises in Newton are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. By whom the lands in Tunstall are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 6s.

Simon Dawney died 5 Jan. last past [1623-4], and *Brian Dawney*, his son and next heir, was aged on 2 Feb. last past 2 years and no more. *Alice*, late his wife, still survives at Whittington.

Edmund Taylor, of Burtonwood, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 23 March, 21 James [1623-4], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, *John Haworth*, gent., Deputy Feodary, and *Thomas Hindley*, clerk, after the death of *Edmund Tailor*, late of Burtonwood,² gentleman, by the oath of *Robert Barrowe*, *William Foster*,

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¹ In Whittington parish.

² In Warrington parish.

James Pilkinson, Richard Turner, Robert Pynington, James Crompton, Thomas Bankes, Christopher Bankes, Roger Culcheth, Richard Greene, Peter Langton, Roger Baron, Miles Ainscowe, Roger Bullough, Thomas Tarleton, Nicholas Pynnington, Richard Worthington, and Geoffrey Sherington, gentlemen, who say that Edmund Tailor long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, and 40 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Great Sonckey;¹ 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, and 5 acres of land in Windle;¹ 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, and 5 acres of land in Parr;¹ and 1 barn and 12 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Berdham, in Sussex.

The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Sonckey are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Windle are held of *Thomas Gerrard*, Knt. and Bart., in free and common socage by fealty and 3d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The messuage and other the premises in Parr are held of *William Earl of Derby* in free and common socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The barn and land in Berdham are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s.

Edmund Tailor died 15 Jan. last past [1623-4]; *Ralph Tailor*, his son and heir, was aged 10 years on 24 Oct. last past [1623]. *Cicely² Tailor*, late his wife, still survives at Burton Wood.

Richard Orrell.

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6 April.
1624.

Inquisition taken at Bolton in le mores, 6 April, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Richard Orrell*, by the oath of *Roger Sharples, alias Ward, James Walmisley, Francis Isherwood, Giles Ainsworth, James Crompton, Richard Aspinall, Edward Greenehalgh, Robert Haslome, Lawrence Horrockes, John Brooke, Mathew Harrison, Thomas Lightbowne, Charles Leigh,*

¹ In Prescot parish.

² Cecilia.

Edmund Swetlowe, John Brooke, Richard Derbyshire, Ellis Hardier, John Dampford, and James Crompton, gentlemen, who say that *Richard Orrell* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 20 acres of land, 15 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of moss in Edgworth.¹

So seised by an Indenture, dated 30 Jan. last past [1623-4], and made between himself of the one part and *James Walmisley, Edward Hopkinson, and Christopher Horrocks* of the other part, he enfeoffed the said *James, Edward, and Christopher* of all the premises aforesaid, to hold to the following uses, viz. to the use of *Richard Orrell* (named in the writ) for life; and after his decease, as to one 3rd part (in 3 parts to be divided) of the premises to the use of *Elizabeth*, then his wife, for life; and after her decease, then to the use of *Margaret, Alice, Elizabeth, and Anne Orrell*, his daughters, until the said *Anne* should attain the age of 16 years; and as to another 3rd part of the premises, to the use of the said *Margaret, Alice, Elizabeth, and Anne Orrell* for the term of 21 years from the death of him the said *Richard*. And after the determination of these several estates, then as to the 2 parts already mentioned, and immediately after the making of this Indenture, of the other 3rd part to the use of *James Orrell*, then son and heir apparent of the said *Richard*, and his heirs male; and for default, to the use of every other next and eldest issue male of the said *Richard Orrell*; and for default, then to the use of the said *Margaret, Alice, Elizabeth, and Anne Orrell* and their heirs for ever, as by the said Indenture shown to the Jurors more fully appears. By virtue of which enfeoffment and by force of the Statute of Uses *Richard Orrell* was seised of all the premises aforesaid as of freehold for life, with remainder as above.

The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Edgworth are held of the King by knight's service, viz, by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

Richard Orrell died, so seised, 6 Feb. last past [1623-4]; *James Orrell*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 17 years 10 months and 24 days.

¹ In Bolton parish.

Roger Nowell, of Reade, Esquire.

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8 April,
1624.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes, 8 April, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Roger Nowell, late of Read*,¹ Esq., by the oath of *Henry Hamond, Nicholas Duxbury, Henry Hodgkinson, John Sumpner, John Hardman, James Breres, William Sudell, Edward Browne, Edmund Machon, William Arthwright, William Breres, Richard Tailor, Richard Bostocke, Thomas Martine, John Mitton, Mathew Addison, John Kilshawe, William Balshawe, and James Addison*, gentlemen, who say that *Roger Nowell* long before his death was seised in fee of the manor of *Reade*; of 15 messuages, 200 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 60 acres of wood and underwood, 300 acres of moor, 60 acres of moss, and 100 acres of turbary in *Read*; of 4*s.* 1*d.* free rent issuing from a certain tenement called "Light Hassills," late in the tenure of *John Braddell, Esq., in Read*; of 11*½d.* free rent issuing out of a certain tenement now or late in the occupation of *Anthony Holden, in Read*; of 6*d.* free rent issuing from the lands and tenements now or late in the tenure of *John Holker, gentleman, in Reade*; of 16 acres of land in *Reade*, lately called "Raven House," lately purchased of *John Braddell, Esq.*; of the 3rd part of the manor of *Great Harwood*;² of 20 messuages, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood and underwood, 200 acres of moor, and 100 acres of turbary in *Great Harwood*; of 3 acres of land and 19*d.* of free rent in *Church*;¹ of 2 messuages, 15 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 16 acres of pasture in *Dinckley*;² of 2 messuages and 50 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in *Whalley*; of 20 messuages, 200 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of wood in *Eastbradford, Wakefeild, Loftus, Wentbridge, Thorp, Awdline, Darrington, and Owsthorpe*, in the county of *York*.

So seised, by Indenture dated at *Whalley* 1 Nov., 2 James [1604], he granted all the aforesaid premises to *Richard Sherburne and Richard Fleetwood, Esqs., and Richard Holden and Richard Rishton, gentlemen, and their heirs to the follow-*

¹ In *Whalley* parish.

² In *Blackburn* parish.

ing uses, viz. as to all the messuages, lands, and other the premises in Whalley, to the use of *Roger Nowell*, gent., then son and heir apparent of him the said *Roger* (named in the writ) and *Elizabeth*, then his wife, for the life of the said *Roger* (the father) if the said *Roger* (the son) and *Elizabeth* his wife or either of them should so long live ; and afterwards to the use of *Katherine*, then wife of the said *Roger* (the father) for life ; and afterwards successively to the use of the said *Elizabeth*, *Roger* (the son), and *Roger* (the father) for the terms of their lives ; and afterwards to the use of the heirs male of *Roger* (the son) by *Elizabeth* ; and for default to the use of the heirs male of *Roger* (the father) ; and for default successively in tail male to the use of *John* 2nd son and *Robert* 3rd son of the said *Roger* (the father) ; and for default to the use of *Roger* (named in the writ) and his heirs male ; and, lastly, to the use of his right heirs for ever. As to the manor of Read and the messuages, lands, tenements, and other the premises in Reade ; the 3rd part of the manor of Harwood and other the premises in Harwood ; the messuages, land, tenements, and other the premises in Church and Dinckley ; the messuages, lands, tenements, and other the premises in East Bradford, Wakefield, Loftus, Wentbridge, Thorp, Audlin, Darrington, and Owsthorpe, in the county of York, to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the father) for life ; and afterwards to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the son) and his heirs male ; and for default successively in tail male to the use of the said *John*, *Robert*, *Roger* (the father) and his (the father's) right heirs for ever. In which said Indenture it is provided and agreed by the parties thereto that [Here the Indenture is set out in English] if *Roger Nowell* (the son) should die in the lifetime of his father, having one or more sons or daughters, then the premises were limited to the further use that every such daughter and her assigns should from the time of the decease of the survivor of the said *Roger Nowell* (the father), and *Roger Nowell* (the son) receive and take one annual rent of £20 issuing out of the said hereditaments and premises (the several estates for lives of *Katherine* and *Elizabeth*, and of such wife as *Roger* (the father) should leave at the time of his death, and such the terms and estates for lives or years as should be thereafter made by or according to any proviso or power in those presents mentioned excepted)

until each daughter or her assigns should have received the sum of £50 each, for their maintenance and preferment in marriage. Also to the further use that if *Roger* (the son) should die having more sons than one, that then every of the younger sons respectively after the decease of the survivor of the said *Roger* (the father) and *Roger* (the son) should annually receive during their several lives a yearly rent of £6 : 13 : 4 issuing out of the said hereditaments (except as before excepted). And for default of payment of any of the said sums, then the said younger son or sons, daughter or daughters, might respectively distrain therefor in all the said hereditaments so charged therewith as aforesaid (except as before excepted) until they should be paid the said yearly rents and the arrears thereof, as by the said Indenture, shown to the Jurors, more fully appears.

Roger Nowell (named in the writ) was likewise seised in fee of 1 messuage and 8 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Simonstone.¹

Afterwards, viz. 3 Jan., 14 James [1616-17], the said *Elizabeth* died at Whalley. After that, by an Indenture [Here set out in English] dated at Whalley 19 Oct., 17 James [1619], and made between *Roger Nowell*, of the Reade, Esq., *Katherine* his wife, and *Roger* his son and heir apparent, of the one part, and *Hamlet Hyde*, of Northbury, co. Chester, Esq., of the other part; in consideration of a marriage intended to be had and solemnized between the said *Roger Nowell* (the son) and *Katherine Hulton*, widow (sister of the said *Hamnet* [sic] *Hyde*), and for other considerations therein mentioned, it was agreed between the parties as follows:—

FIRST, the said *Roger* (the father), *Katherine*, and *Roger* (the son) covenanted with the said *Hamnet Hyde* that they and the heirs and assigns of the said *Roger* (the father) should before the feast day of Easter then next ensuing, at the costs of the said *Roger* (the son) by Fine, Feoffment, or Recovery with vouchers, or otherwise, convey and assure to the said *Hamnet Hyde* and *Edward Vawdrey* of Riddings, co. Chester, or to the survivor of them, and their heirs, all those hereditaments in Whalley, and the reversions and remainders thereof, whereof the said *Roger*, *Katherine* and *Roger*, or any

¹ In Whalley parish.

of them had at any time theretofore any estate of inheritance in possession, reversion, remainder, or otherwise, by force of any assurance theretofore made by one *Gilbert Moreton*, of Parkeside, co. Lanc., gentleman, deceased, uncle of the said *Katherine*. And that the said *Hamnet* and *Edward* and their heirs should be seised of all the premises aforesaid to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the son) and the said *Katherine Hulton* during the life of the said *Roger Nowell* (the father), if they or either of them should so long live; and after the determination of that estate then to the use of the said *Katherine*, then the wife of the said *Roger* (the father), and her assigns for life, without impeachment of waste, as fully as the same did accrue unto her from the said *Gilbert Morton*, her uncle, and not in any way in the name, or as part or parcel of any jointure or dower, or as in bar or recompence of her title of dower unto or in any of the hereditaments of her said husband in any wise belonging; and after her decease to the use of the said *Katherine Hulton*, the intended wife of *Roger* (the son), for life; and after her decease to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the son) for life; and after his decease to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the father) for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of the heirs male of the body of the said *Roger* (the son); and for default successively in tail male to the use of *John*, 2nd, and *Robert*, 3rd son of the said *Roger* (the father), to the use of the said *Roger* (the father) himself, and, lastly, to the use of his right heirs for ever. **SECONDLY**, the said *Roger*, *Katherine*, and *Roger* agreed to assure and convey in like manner to the said *Hamnet Hyde* and *Edward Vawdrey* all the aforesaid hereditaments in Whalley which were theretofore conveyed to the use of the said *Roger* (the father) and his heirs by one *William Halsted*, of Ighten Hill Park, co. Lanc.; likewise all those hereditaments in Read theretofore in the several tenures of *John Ingham*, deceased, *John Browne*, deceased, and *James Sankie*, or of their assigns, and then or within the space of one year then last past in the tenure of the said *Roger* (the son) or of his assigns; and all the hereditaments lastly mentioned and one milne and kilne, together with certain easements to the same appertaining; and 3 closes theretofore in the tenures of *William Wignall*, *Robert Starkie*, and *Robert Ingham*, situate upon some part

of the 3 last-mentioned closes, to the use of the said *Katherine Hulton* and her assigns for life; and after her decease to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the son) for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease then to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the father) for life in like manner; and after his decease to the use of the heirs male of the body of the said *Roger* (the son); and for default successively in tail male to the use of the aforesaid *John, Robert, and Roger* (the father); and, lastly, to the use of his (the father's) right heirs for ever. AND IT was further agreed by *Roger* (the father) and *Roger* (the son) that before the said Feast day of Easter, in manner aforesaid, they would convey to the said *Hamnet Hyde* and *Edward Vawdrey* all the capital messuage and mansion house called "Read" or "the Hall of Read," together with all the houses, outhouses, barns, stables, gardens, courts, easements, curtilages, &c. to the said mansion house belonging, and all the demesne lands of the said *Roger* (the father and son) in Reade; and all the lands, &c. in Read which then or within the space of one year then last past had been enjoyed as demesne land by *Roger Nowell* (the father). (Such hereditaments in Read reputed as parts of the demesne lands theretofore limited to the use of the said *Roger Nowell* (the son), *Katherine, Roger Nowell* (the father), and *Katherine Hulton*, or any of them; all the waste grounds in Read aforesaid; 1 messuage in Reade commonly called the "Lower Hall" or "Smarshall's Farmhold," with the lands thereto belonging, theretofore purchased of one *Hamnet Ashton*, deceased, and *Elizabeth*, his wife, or one of them; 1 parcel of ground in Read, then in the tenure of *Henry Hamond* or his assigns, theretofore purchased of *William Farrington*, of Wyreden, Esq.; 1 other tenement in Reade theretofore, called "Ravenhouse," purchased of *John Bradell* of Whalley, Esq., with the hereditaments thereunto belonging; and 1 close of land in Read, commonly called "Foster Field," purchased of *Ralph Ashton*, of Whalley, Esq., only excepted.) To the use of *Roger Nowell* (the father) and his assigns for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the son) and his heirs male; and for default then successively in tail male to the use of *John Nowell, Robert Nowell, Roger Nowell* (the father), and lastly to the

use of his (the father's) right heirs for ever. Provided that it might be lawful for *Roger Nowell* (the father) at any time during his life by deed to convey any parts of his demesne lands in Read (being no parcel of the lands and hereditaments limited to *Katherine Hulton* for life), not exceeding in the yearly value of the pasturage thereof the sum of £40 in the whole, to the use of any wife or wives whom he might at any time thereafter marry, for her and their lives only ; and afterwards to such uses as thereinbefore were appointed. Provided, nevertheless, that if the said *Katherine*, then wife of *Roger Nowell* (the father), should survive her husband (whereby divers of the said lands and hereditaments, then late the lands and inheritance of the said *Gilbert Morton*, should belong unto her), that then and from thenceforth the said *Hamnet Hyde* and *Edward Vawdrey* and their heirs should be seised of 2 closes of land in Read, called the "Brierie Rydines" and the "Upper eies"; also of a full 3rd part (in 3 parts to be divided) of the capital messuage called "Read Hall," and of all the buildings, orchards, &c. to the same belonging, to the use of *Roger Nowell* (the son) and *Katherine Hulton* and their assigns for the life of *Katherine Nowell* only, and afterwards to the uses before thereby limited. Provided likewise, that if *Katherine Hulton* should happen to survive both *Roger Nowell* (the father) and *Roger Nowell* (the son), then the said *Hamnet* and *Edward* should be seised of all the premises (the several estates of *Katherine Nowell*, *Katherine Hulton*, and of such woman who at the death of *Roger Nowell* (the father) should be his wife always excepted) to the further use that the said *Katherine* should in satisfaction of a yearly rent of £6 payable to one *John Nowell* alias *Shuttleworth* for his life out of one close in Read, called "Hough Hey," have during his (*John's*) life (if she should so long live) a yearly rent of £6 : 13 : 4. Provided always, that whereas by certain Indentures tripartite, dated 1 Nov., 2 James [1604], and made between *Roger Nowell* (the father) and *Katherine* his wife of the first part, *Roger Nowell* (the son) of the second part, and *Richard Fleetwood*, of Culwich, co. Stafford, Esq., of the third part, one yearly rent of £20 a piece was assured to every daughter of the said *Roger* (the son) in case he should happen to die in his father's lifetime having one or more sons and

daughters, to be received annually by such daughter after the death of the survivor of *Roger Nowell* (the father and son) to be issuing (amongst other lands) out of the lands thereinbefore limited to the use of *Katherine Hulton*, payable yearly during such term until such daughters should have received the sum of £50 each. If, therefore, the said *Katherine* or her assigns should be at any time thereafter by way of distress, or otherwise, molested concerning the premises so limited to her use in respect of any of the said yearly rents so belonging to or to be claimed by such said daughters, that then the said *Hamnet Hyde* and *Edward Vawdrey*, and such of them to whom the said intended assurances should happen to be made, and their heirs should be seised of all the said premises (except as before excepted) to the further use that the said *Katherine* should yearly from thenceforth receive out of all the said lands (except as before excepted) one yearly rent of £20 apiece for such time only and until every such daughter in respect of whose said yearly rent she (the said *Katherine*) or her assigns should happen to be troubled in any of the premises so limited to her use, should have fully received the sum of £50 (if the said *Katherine* should so long live). Provided also, that whereas by the said Indentures there was 1 yearly rent charge of £6 : 13 : 4 assured to every of the then younger sons of *Roger Nowell* (the son) for life issuing (amongst other lands) out of the lands thereinbefore limited to *Katherine Hulton*; if she should be at any time by way of distress in any way troubled as above, that then the said *Hamnet* and *Edward* should be seised of all the premises (except as before excepted) to the intent that the said *Katherine* might yearly take out of the said premises (except as before excepted) one yearly rent of £6 : 13 : 4 during the several lives of such younger sons. Provided, moreover, that if, after the solemnization of the said marriage between the said *Roger Nowell* (the son) and *Katherine Hulton*, he (*Roger*) should die leaving one, two, or three children, and no more, living and unpreferred in marriage at the time of his decease, that then every such child and its or their assigns should receive out of the said premises (except as before excepted) the sum of £200 a piece. And if after the accomplishment of the said marriage the said *Roger Nowell* (the

son) should die leaving more than 3 children by the said *Katherine*, living and unpreferred in marriage at the time of his death, then the eldest son of such children should receive out of the said premises (except as before excepted) the sum of £200, and each of the other children in like manner the sum of £100. And *Roger Nowell* (the son) for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators thereby covenanted with the said *Hamnet Hyde*, his executors and assigns, that he would pay to *Beatrice* and *Anne Hulton*, daughters of the said *Katherine Hulton*, the sum of 1,000 marks within one year after the day of the decease of *William Hulton*, of the Parke, co. Lanc., Esq., or within one year after the marriage of *Adam Hulton*, gent. (his Majesty's ward), son of the said *Katherine*, whichever should first happen, the sum of £166 : 6 : 8 and the like sum of £166 : 6 : 8 within the space of 2 years after the said death or marriage, the like sum within 3 years, and the like sum within 4 years after the said death or marriage, whichever should first happen, in full satisfaction of the said sum of 1,000 marks, as by the said Indentures, shown to the Jurors in evidence, more fully appears.

Afterwards, on 30 Oct., 17 James [1619], at Whalley, *Roger Nowell* (the son) married *Katherine Hulton*, and on 20 Jan., 18 James [1620-21], *Katherine*, late wife of *Roger Nowell* (the father), died at Whalley.

After that, in performance of the Indenture last mentioned, a Fine was levied at Lancaster, on Monday, 20 Aug., 19 James [1621], between *Hamlet Hyde* and *Edward Vawdrey*, plaintiffs, and *Roger Nowell* (named in the writ) and *Roger Nowell* (the son) deforciants, of all the premises aforesaid by the name of 2 messuages, 4 barns, 4 gardens, 2 orchards, 1 dovecot, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, and 20 acres of wood in Whalley and Read, as by a transcript of the said Fine, shown to the Jurors, more fully appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, being so seised of the premises limited to him in the manner and form aforesaid, *Roger Nowell* (the son) died at Whalley 12 Nov., 21 James [1623], having then, by the said *Elizabeth*, his wife, *Roger Nowell*, his son and heir, *Thomas*, *Adam*, and *Richard*, his younger sons, and *Katherine*, *Fleetwood*, *Elizabeth*, *Anne*, *Mary*, and *Frances*, his daughters,

all of whom are yet alive at Whalley; and having by *Katherine*, late his wife, *George*, *Ralph*, and *Henry*, his sons, who still survive at Whalley, and are not preferred. *Roger Nowell* (named in the writ), being seised of the premises limited to him in manner and form aforesaid, according to the form and effect of the several Indentures aforesaid, died at Whalley 30 Jan., 21 James [1623-24]; *Roger Nowell*, gent., is his kinsman and next heir, viz. son of *Roger Nowell* (the son), son of *Roger Nowell* (the father, named in the writ), and was aged 18 years on 13 March last past [1623-24]. *Katherine (Hulton)* still survives at Whalley.

The manor of Read and other the premises in Read (except 1 messuage called "the Lower Hall," 12 acres of land, and 5 acres of wood, and except 16 acres of land purchased of *John Braddill*) are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in socage by fealty and 9s. 9d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20 marks. The messuage called "Lower Hall" and the land before excepted are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service and 2s. 4d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 32s. The 3rd part of the manor of Great Harwood and other the premises in Great Harwood are held of *the King* by knight's service and 10d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) £10. The 3 acres of land in Church are held of *Ralph Rishton*, gent., in free socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 18d. The premises in Dinckley are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, in free socage by fealty and 9d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 26s. 8d. The premises in Owsthorpe and Wakefield, co. York, are held of *the King*, as of his manor of Wakefield, in free and common socage and by the yearly rent of 11s. 6d., and are worth per ann. (clear) £6 : 13 : 4; the premises in East Bradford are held of *the King*, as of his manor of Bradford, in free burgage and by the yearly rent of 2s. 8d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The tenements in Wentbridge are held of *the King*, as of his Honour of Pontefract (parcel of his Duchy of Lancaster), and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The premises in Lofthowse are held of *the King*, as of his manor of Rodwell (parcel of his Duchy of Lancaster), in free and common socage, and are worth per ann. (clear) 13s. 4d. Of whom or by what service the premises in Thorpe, Awdline, and Darrington are held

the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The messuage, lands, tenements, and other the premises in Whalley are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The premises in Symonston are held of *the King* in free and common socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s.

John Secome, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 14 April, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Secome*, gentleman, by the oath of *Robert Barrowe*, *William Foster*, *James Pilkington*, *William Ormishaw*, *Richard Turner*, *Richard Greene*, *Thomas Bankes*, *Ralph Ford*, *Robert Gorton*, *Nicholas Pynnington*, *John Vance*, *Richard Worthington*, *Peter Langton*, *John Barker*, *Thomas Tarleton*, *Miles Baron*, *Geoffrey Sherington*, and *James Langshey*, gentlemen, who say that *John Secome*, long before his death, was seised in fee of 2 messuages, 5 cottages, half a burgage, 30 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture in Mellinge,¹ Fazakerley,² Walton, Heskine,³ Downe Holland¹ juxta Halsall and Liverpoole. So seised, by his Will in writing dated 27 Jan. last past [1623-24], he devised 2 parts (in 3 parts to be divided) of all the premises to *Ralph Secome*, his father, and *Robert Fletcher*, yeoman, his uncle,⁴ for the term of 11 years from the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary then next following, for the education and preferment of *John*, *Margaret*, and *Katherine Secome*, his younger children; and the other 3rd part, residue of the premises, and the remainder of the said 2 parts after the determination of the said term, to *Ralph Secome*, his eldest son, and his heirs for ever, as by the said Will, shown to the Jurors in evidence, more fully appears.

John Secome died so seised 31 Jan. last past [1623-24], at Overton,⁵ after whose death *Ralph Secome* and *Robert Fletcher* entered into the said 2 parts of the premises, and

¹ In Halsall parish.

² In Walton parish.

³ In Eccleston parish.

⁴ pat̄o.

⁵ In Lancaster parish.

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were thereof possessed for the term of 11 years. *Ralph Secome* is the son and next heir of *John Secome* (named in the writ), and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 15 years 3 months and 14 days.

Mary Pooley, widow, late wife of *Richard Pooley*, has for the term of her life a yearly rent of £3: 10: 0 issuing out of the aforesaid lands and tenements.

One messuage, 1 cottage, 12 acres of land, and 1 acre of meadow in Mellinge (parcel of the premises) are held of *Edward Ireland* and *Robert Mollineux*, Esqs., in free and common socage by fealty and the yearly rent of 7d., and they are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. Two cottages and 5 acres of land in Mellinge are held of *Robert Mollineux* in free and common socage by fealty and 10½d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The 8th part of 1 acre of land in Mellinge is held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 1,000th part of a knight's fee, and is worth per ann. (clear) 6d. The lands and tenements in Fazakerley and Walton are held of *Robert Fazakerley*, gent., in free and common socage by fealty and 18d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The messuages, cottages, and other the premises in Heskine and Downe Holland are held of *Charles Gerrard*, Knt., and *Richard Sherburne*, Esq., in free and common socage by fealty and 1s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The half of the burgage and other the premises in Liverpoole are held of *the King* in free burgage by fealty and 3d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3d.

William Holland, of Sutton, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Wigan, 14 April, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Holland*, late of Sutton,¹ gentleman, by the oath of the same Jurors, who say that long before the death of *William Holland* (named in the writ) one *Richard Holland*, his father, was seised in fee (*inter alia*) of 1 capital messuage in Sutton, commonly called "the Hall of Sutton," 1 cottage,

¹ In Prescot parish.

1 water-mill, 1 wind-mill, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, and 50 acres of land, meadow and pasture in Sutton.

So seised, by deed dated 29 Oct., 9 James [1611], the said *Richard Holland* enfeoffed thereof *Thomas Lathome, Richard Bower, John Hawerden, and Richard Roughley*, to hold to them and their heirs for ever, to the uses specified in certain Indentures dated 10 Oct. then last past [1611], and made between himself of the one part and the said *Thomas Lathome, Richard Bower, John Hawerden, and Richard Roughley* of the other part, viz. to the use of him the said *Richard Holland* and his assigns for life; and after his decease to the use of *William Holland* (named in the writ) and of such other person as should then be the next heir male of the body of the said *Richard Holland*, for two years; and after the determination of that term to the use of such person or persons for seven years then following as *Richard Holland* by deed or Will should appoint; and for default of such nomination then to the use of his many¹ younger sons and daughters who should not be preferred in his lifetime; and after the determination of the said term then to the use of *William Holland* (named in the writ) for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease then successively in tail male to the use of his 1st and 2nd sons; and for default then to the respective uses of divers other persons named in the said Indenture and their heirs male for life; and after their several deceases, and for default of such issue, then to the use of the right heirs of himself the said *Richard Holland* for ever. And by the said Indenture it was agreed that it should be lawful for the said *William Holland*, when he should have actual possession of the premises aforesaid by reason of the said feoffment, by deed or otherwise to assure and demise so much thereof as should not amount to more than a 3rd part thereof (in 3 parts to be divided) to the use of such wife or wives as he should marry, by the name of jointure or dower, for her or their life or lives, as by the said deed, feoffment, and Indenture, shown to the Jurors, in evidence more fully appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Richard Holland* was seised of the premises aforesaid for life, with remainder

¹ multorum.

as aforesaid, and he died being so seised thereof. *Anne*, his wife, survived him, after whose decease *William Holland* entered into all the premises aforesaid, and was seised thereof as of freehold for life, with remainder as aforesaid. So seised, he endowed the said *Anne Holland* of the 3rd part of all the premises aforesaid, by virtue whereof she was seised thereof as of freehold in the name of her dower, with reversion thereof to the said *William*. She being so seised, and the said *William* being seised of the other 2 parts of the premises, by Indenture dated 16 Nov., 20 James [1622], and made between himself of the one part and the said *Richard Roughley* and *Thomas Hawerden* of the other part, the said *William Holland* appointed to *Margaret*, then his wife, after his decease, 2 parts (in 3 parts to be divided) of all the premises aforesaid for life in full satisfaction of her dower, and for the better maintenance and education of his younger children, provided, nevertheless, that if she should marry again after his decease then she should have only half of the said premises so appointed to her, as by the said last-mentioned Indenture shown to the Jurors in evidence more fully appears.

The messuage, lands and tenements in Sutton (except the wind-mill aforesaid) are held of *Richard Bold*, Esq., as of his manor of Sutton, by knight's service. The wind-mill is held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service. All the premises are worth per ann. (clear) 20s.

William Holland died at Sutton 24 Feb. last past [1623-24]; *Richard Holland*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 8 years 9 months and 7 days. *Anne*, late wife of *Richard Holland* (father of *William* named in the writ), and *Margaret*, late wife of the said *William*, are both alive at Sutton.

Richard Urmiston, of West Leigh, Esquire.

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Inquisition taken at Wigan, 26 July, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Richard Urmiston*, Esq., by the oath of *Robert Barrowe*,

Robert Pynnington, Richard Turner, Thomas Bankes, William Ormishawe, Richard Worthington, Christopher Bankes, Robert Gorton, Adam Leaver, Ralph Ford, Roger Bullough, Miles Baron, Peter Walmisley, Peter Longton, Miles Aynscowe, Roger Baron, Michael¹ Pynnington, and Geoffrey Sherington, gentlemen, who say that *Richard Urmiston* long before his death was seised as of freehold for the term of his life, with remainder to one *John Urmiston*, his son and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to *Richard Urmiston* (named in the writ) and his heirs male, with remainder to one *John Urmiston*, of Kincknall, and his heirs male, with remainder to one *Richard Urmiston*, of Lostocke, and his heirs male, with remainder, lastly, to the right heirs of *Richard Urmiston* (named in the writ), of the manor of Westleigh,² and of 30 messuages, 14 cottages, 40 gardens, 1 water-mill, 160 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 180 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 12 acres of moor, and 12*s.* 1*d.* free rent in Westleigh; 8 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Abraham;³ also of the Rectory [*sic*] of the Parish Church of Leigh; the tithes of sheaves, grains, hay, flax, lambs and calves, and all other tithes whatsoever coming, growing and renovant in Westleigh and Penington;² the moiety of the tithes of sheaves and grains in Bedford,² in the county of Lancaster, and of all other small tithes whatsoever, oblations and revenues growing and renovant in Bedford, Astley,² Tildesley,² Shakerley,² and Atherton;² also of the rent of fee-farm and rent charge of £35: 6: 8 forthcoming from certain lands and tenements in Astley, Tildesley, Shakerley, Atherton, and Bedford; and of the Advowson of the Vicarage of the Church of Leigh.

The manor of Westleigh and other the premises in Westleigh are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 4th part and the 20th part of a knight's fee,⁴ and are worth per ann. (clear) £13: 6: 8. The 8 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Abraham are held of *William, Earl of Derby*, as of the possession of the Monastery of Cockersand, lately dissolved, in free and common socage by fealty and 12*d.* yearly rent, and are worth per ann.

¹ Micholai.

² In Leigh parish.

³ In Wigan parish.

⁴ p quartā partem et vicesimā partem.

(clear) 5*s.* The Rectory [*sic*] of the Parish Church of Leigh, and all the tithes in Westleigh and Penington, the moiety of the tithes in Bedford, and all the small tithes, oblations, &c. in Bedford, Astley, Tildesley, Shakerley, and Atherton, the rent of £35: 6: 8, and the Advowson of the Vicarage of the Church of Leigh, are held of *the King*, but by what service the Jurors know not, charged and chargeable, nevertheless, with a yearly rent of £40, now payable to *Roger Bradshawe*, of Penington, gent., and with a rent of £15: 13: 4, payable yearly to the Vicar of the Church of Leigh and his successors for ever, and are worth per ann. (clear) £3: 13: 4.

Richard Urmiston died so seised 8 Jan. last past [1623-24]; *Richard Urmiston*, Esq., is his kinsman and next heir, viz. son and heir of *John Urmiston*, deceased, son and heir of *Richard Urmiston*, deceased, and is aged on the day of taking this Inquisition 34 years and more.

William Sellar, of Whalley, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Blackburne, 28 July, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *William Sellar*, late of Whalley, gentleman, by the oath of *Edward Gillibrand*, *John Rodes*, *James Whithalgh*, *Thurstan Mawdesley*, *John Smith*, *Robert Barker*, *Thomas Osbaldeston*, *John Ward*, *Henry Walmisley*, *John Elswicke*, *Edward Hawkshawe*, *John Peele*, *Adam Leaver*, *George Harwood*, *John Edge*, *James Walmisley*, *Richard Harwood*, and *Miles Marsden*, gentlemen, who say that *William Sellar* long before and at the time of his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 4 gardens, 1 orchard, 16 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture in Whalley, which are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5*s.*

William Sellar died 30 June, 1 James [1603]; and *Christopher Sellar*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 60 years and more.

William Dobson, of Great Bispham, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston, 30 July, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator, after the death of William Dobson, late of Great Bispham, gentleman, by the oath of Thomas Beesley, Henry Sudell, Thomas Singleton, Henry Hodgkinson, John Sumpner, John Hardman, William Sudell, Thomas Blackburne, Henry Parker, William Arthwright, Richard Bostocke, Thomas Martin, Henry Wilson, John Kilshawe, James Helme, Richard Whalley, Edward Lawrenson, and William Balshawe, gentlemen, who say that William Dobson long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 1 garden, and 19 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Great Bispham; also of 6 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Warbrecke, together with common of pasture for his beasts and cattle levant and couchant, upon the aforesaid premises in Bispham and Warbrecke belonging, in a certain place waste and common in Laton commonly called "le Hawse," and of moss and turbary in a certain place in Laton commonly called "Marten Mosse," to be consumed and burnt upon the premises aforesaid.*

The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Great Bispham are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, *in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d. The lands and other the premises in Warbrecke are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s.

William Dobson died so seised 27 Oct. last past [1623]; *Richard Dobson* is his son and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 40 years and more.

John Anion, of Warbrecke.

Inquisition taken at Preston, 30 July, 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator, after the death of John Anion, late of Warbrecke, by the oath of the same Jurors,*

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who say that *John Anion* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 cottage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 1 toft, 1 barn, and 16 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Warbrecke, and of 2 parts (in 3 parts to be divided) of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, and 18 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Warbrecke ; also in fee and right of the other 3rd part (in 3 parts to be divided) expectant upon the term by which one *Janet Warbrecke*, now the wife of *Richard Warbrecke*, and late the wife of *John Anion*, father of the above *John Anion*, held in dower for her life of the gift of the said *John Anion*, late her husband, together with common of pasture for all his beasts and cattle levant and couchant upon the premises aforesaid, in a certain place waste and common in Laton commonly called "le Hawes," and moss and turbary in a certain place there (Laton) commonly called "Marton mosse," to be consumed and burnt upon the premises aforesaid.

John Anion, being so seised, died at Warbrecke 8 Oct. last past [1623] ; *Janet [Warbrecke]*, late wife of *John Anion*, is yet alive at Preston. *John Anion* is the son and next heir of the said *John Anion*, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 10 years 5 months and 20 days.

The messuage, lands, and other the premises in Warbrecke are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, *in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The common of pasture, moss and turbary, is not held of *the King*, or of any one else.

John Wright, Yeoman.

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13 Aug.
1624.

Inquisition taken at Lancaster, 13 Aug., 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Wright*, Yeoman, by the oath of *Edmund Lodge*, *Richard Horneby*, *William Cooke*, *William Harrison*, *Francis Nicholson*, *Adam Leaver*, *Thomas Chapman*, *Mathew Jackson*, *Anthony Caton*, *Stephen Prockter*, *Roger Parkinson*, *Richard Marsten*, *William Langton*, *James Crompton*, *William Wingreene*, and *William Thorneton*, gentlemen, who say that *John Wright* long before his death was seised in fee of a

messuage called "le Newehouse," lying near "le Church steele" of the Parish Church of Cartmell, in the county of Lancaster; also of 2 barns and 2 gardens to the said messuage belonging, containing half an acre of land in Cartmell; also of the moiety of another messuage in Cartmell called "le ffarmerie," and of 1 garden and 1 orchard thereto belonging; of 3 other orchards in Cartmell containing 1 acre of land; 1 meadow called "le ffarmerie meadowe," containing 1 acre and 3 roods of land and meadow; also of another meadow in Cartmell called "le Holme," containing 1 acre of meadow; and of 12 acres of arable land and pasture called "Brakenrigges" in Cartmell, formerly in the tenure of *James Keene*, and lately in the tenure of *John Wright* or his assigns.

All the premises aforesaid are held of the *King*, as of his Honour of Hampton Court, in the county of Middlesex, by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d.

John Wright, so seised, died 9 April last past [1624]. *Anne Wright* is his daughter and sole heir, and was aged at the time of her father's death 14 years and 3 days. She was 14 years old on 7 April last past [1624]. *Jane Wright*, late wife of the said *John Wright*, still survives at Cartmell.

Robert Holt, of Ashworth Hall, Esquire.

Inquisition taken at Manchester, 2 Sept., 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Robert Holt*, late of Ashworth,¹ Esq., by the oath of *Edmund Ashton*, *Edmund Hopwood*, and *Edward Rostorne*, Esqs., *Thomas Cheatom*, *John Shacklogg*, *Edmund Tetlowe*, *Giles Ainsworth*, *Thomas Byrome*, *John Duncalffe*, *Peter Holt*, *John Scoles*, *Thomas Bolton*, *Ralph Hobson*, *William Hewood*, *John Alred*, and *Thomas Blunyley*, gentlemen, who say that long before his death *Robert Holt* was seised in fee of the manor and hamlet of Ashworth; also of 1 capital messuage in Ashworth, called "Ashworth Hall"; 18 messuages, 10

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¹ In Middleton parish.

cottages, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 1 grain water-mill, 4 fulling mills, 200 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood and underwood, 200 acres of moor, moss, and turbary in Ashworth, Wostenholme,¹ Marcroft, Yate, Cheesden,¹ Bamford,² Middleton, and Spotland ;¹ and 10 messuages, 2 cottages, 10 orchards, 10 gardens, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 100 acres of moor, moss, furze, and heath in Butterworth.¹

So seised, by deed, dated 20 Dec., 8 James [1610], and by execution thereupon had on 11 Jan. of the same year [1610-11], he enfeoffed *William Davenport, Knt., Ralph Ashton, John Greenhalgh, and Robert Herwood, Esqs.*, of all the premises aforesaid. To hold to them and their heirs to the uses declared in a certain Indenture bearing even date therewith, and made between *Richard Ashton, Knt.*, of the one part, and *Robert Holt* of the other part, viz. as to all that part of Ashworth hall and the rooms and parcels of land therein specified³ to the use of *Robert Holt* until such time as *Richard Holt*, then son and heir of *Robert Holt*, son and heir of *Robert Holt* (named in the writ), should accomplish the age of 21 years (if he should so long live), and after the determination of such term, then to the use of *Richard Holt* and the heirs male of his body ; and for default to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs for ever. As to the residue of the premises, to the use of *Robert Holt* and his assigns for life, without impeachment of waste ; and after his decease to the use of *Robert Holt* and his assigns until such time as *Richard Holt* should accomplish the age of 21 years (if he should so long live), with remainders as above ; with power to *Robert Holt* by Indenture to make demises of any part of the premises (those already limited to his own use during the minority of the said *Richard*, as well as Ashworth Hall and the demesne lands of Ashworth, and the lands then or within 6 years then last past occupied as part thereof, and the corn-mill of Ashworth excepted) to any person for 21 years in possession and not in reversion, the yearly rents theretofore payable being reserved. As by the said deed and Indenture shown to the Jurors in evidence more fully

¹ In Rochdale parish.

² In Middleton parish.

³ Here described at great length as on page 443.

appears. By virtue whereof and by force of the Statute of Uses *Robert Holt* was seised of all the premises aforesaid as required by law, with remainder as above said. Afterwards, viz. before the death of *Robert Holt*, *Richard Holt* came of age and was then seised in fee tail, to himself and his heirs male, of all the premises aforesaid, with remainder and reversion thereof as aforesaid. They being so respectively seised, a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 5th week of Lent, 16 James [1618], between *Theophilus Ashton* and *John Greenehalgh*, Esqs., and *Ralph Ashton* and *John Cudworth*, gentlemen, plaintiffs, and *Richard Holt* and *Robert Holt*, deforciants, of Ashworth Hall, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 120 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 90 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood in Ashworth and Middleton to the uses expressed in an Indenture tripartite dated 11 March, 16 James [1618-19], and made between *Robert Holt* of the 1st part, *Richard Holt* of the 2nd part, and *Theophilus Ashton* of the 3rd part, viz. as to all that part of Ashworth Hall and the rooms and parcels of land therein specified to the use of *Richard Holt* and *Mary*, then his wife (now the wife of *John Greenehalgh*, Esq.), and their issue male; and for default to the use of the heirs male of *Richard Holt*; and for default to the use successively of *Robert Holt* and his heirs male, and of himself and his heirs for ever. As to the residue of all the premises, to the use of *Robert Holt* and his assigns for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male by *Mary*; and for default to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male, with remainder as above. Certain closes should immediately after the levying of the said Fine be charged with a rent-charge of £13 : 6 : 8 to *Richard Holt* and *Mary* during the life of *Mary*, and after her decease to *Richard* during the life of *Robert Holt*, with power of distress. And certain closes (except 1 acre and 1 rood of land and 34 falls of land) therein mentioned to be charged with a yearly rent-charge of £5 to *Robert* and *Mary Holt*, younger children of *Robert Holt*, son and heir of *Robert Holt* (named in the writ), for 11 years then next following if they or any issue of both or either of them should so long live, with power of distress, as by the said Indenture and by a transcript of the Fine, shown to the Jurors in evidence, this appears.

Robert Holt, the younger, and *Mary*, his sister, still survive at Manchester.

By virtue of the said Fine and Indenture and by force of the Statute of Uses *Richard Holt* and *Mary*, his wife, and *Robert Holt* (named in the writ) were respectively seised of the premises aforesaid. *Robert Holt*, being seised of the premises in Butterworth, by deed dated 8 June, 18 James [1620], enfeoffed thereof *Theophilus Ashton*, *John Grenehalgh*, *Ralph Ashton*, and *John Cudworth*, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, to the uses expressed in a certain schedule to the said deed annexed, viz. to the use of *Robert Holt* for life, without impeachment of waste; and after his decease, to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male by *Mary*; and for default to the use of the heirs male of *Richard Holt*; and for default successively to the use of the heirs male of *Robert Holt* and of his right heirs for ever, with power to *Robert Holt* to demise all or any of the premises, as by the said Charter and Schedule, shown in evidence to the Jurors, more fully appears. By virtue whereof and by force of the Statute of Uses *Robert Holt* was seised of all the premises in Butterworth as of freehold for life, with remainders as aforesaid.

Long before his death *Robert Holt* was seised as of freehold for life of 12 messuages, 3 cottages, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 200 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood, and 200 acres of furze and heath in Quick and Saddleworth, in co. York; with remainder to *Richard Holt* and the heirs male of the body of *Robert Holt* (his father); with remainder to *William*, another son of *Robert Holt*, and his heirs male; with remainder to the heirs of *Robert Holt* by *Agnes*, his wife (now deceased); with remainder to the right heirs of *Agnes* for ever.

Richard Holt and *Mary*, being so respectively seised, *Richard* died 14 June, 18 James [1620]; *Mary*, late his wife and now the wife of *John Greenhalgh*, still survives at Manchester.

Robert Holt died at Ashworth 31 July last past [1624]; *Richard Holt* is his kinsman and heir, viz. son and heir of *Richard Holt* (deceased), son and heir of *Robert Holt* (deceased), son and heir of *Robert Holt* (named in the writ), and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 5 years 1 month and 6 days, and no more.

Robert Holt (named in the writ) and *Robert Holt*, named in a certain Inquisition taken at the Castle at York 2 Aug., 18 James [1620], whereby he was found to be seised of the premises aforesaid in co. York for life, are one and the same person.

The manor, capital messuage, and all the premises in Ashworth, Wostenholme, Bamford, Middleton, Spotland, Marcroft, Yate, and Cheesden are held of *Ralph Ashton*, Esq. (now in the custody of *the King* by reason of his minority) by knight's service and 3*s. 4d.* yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40 marks. Of whom the messuages, lands, and other the premises in Butterworth are held the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 40*s.* The messuages, lands, and other the premises in Quicke and Saddleworth are held of *the King in capite* by knight's service, viz. by the 40th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) £6 : 13 : 4.

James Lomax, of Pilsworth, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Manchester, 3 Sept., 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *James Lomax*, late of Pilsworth,¹ gentleman, by the oath of *John Leaver*, *Giles Ainsworth*, *Thomas Byrom*, *Peter Holt*, *Edmund Tetlowe*, *Edmund Byrom*, *James Chadwicke*, *George Milnes*, *John Alred*, *Thomas Bolton*, *Thomas Bromeley*, *Richard Chorleton*, *Ralph Hobson*, *Thomas Owen*, *John Lomax*, *Edmund Dicconson*, *Richard Whitworth*, and *Richard Grantham*, gentlemen, who say that *James Lomax* long before his death was seised in fee of 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and 20 acres of moor, moss, furze, and heath in Tormerden, in the town of Hundersfield.²

The lands, tenements, and other the premises in Tormerden are held of *the King* in free and common socage, viz. by fealty only, and not *in capite*; and are worth per ann. (clear) 20*s.*

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¹ In Middleton parish.

² In Rochdale parish.

James Lomax died, being so seised, 4 Dec. last past [1623]; *Richard Lomax* is his son and heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 12 years and 1 month. *Margaret Lomax*, late his wife, still survives at Manchester.

Richard Holt, Gentleman.

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Inquisition taken at Manchester, 3 Sept., 22 James [1624], before *Robert Blundell*, *James Massye*, and *Hugh Rigby*, Esqs., Deputy Escheators, and *John Haworth*, gent., Deputy Feodary, after the death of *Richard Holt*, by the oath of *Thomas Stranguishe*, *James Fox*, *Edward Massye*, *William Bell*, *Henry Keyley*, *Peter Walmisley*, *Lawrence Horrockes*, *John Brooke*, *James Crompton*, *Roger Johnson*, *Lawrence Stringer*, *James Chytome*, *George Kenion*, *John Harkeley*, *John Bexwicke*, *John Ouldharn*, *Charles Worsley*, *Thomas Haworth*, *John Bexwicke*, and *William Butteler*, gentlemen, who say that long before the death of *Richard Holt*, viz. 20 Dec., 8 James [1610], one *Robert Holt*, Esq., his grandfather,¹ was seised in fee of 1 capital messuage, 10 cottages, 10 tofts, 2 water-mills, 4 fulling-mills, 27 gardens, 10 orchards, 200 acres of land, 600 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, 300 acres of moor, 200 acres of furze and heath, 100 acres of moss, and 200 acres of turbary in *Ashworthe*, *Wostenholme*, *Spotland*, *Ratchdall*, and *Middleton*; and of the moiety of 2 roods of land in *Bamford*.

So seised, by Indenture dated the said day and year, and made between *Richard Ashton*, of *Middleton*, Knt., of the one part, and himself (by the name of *Robert Holt*, of *Ashworth*) of the other part, in consideration of a marriage before had and solemnized between *Robert Holt*, late son and heir apparent of *Robert Holt* (the grandfather), and *Mary*, one of the daughters of *Richard Ashton* (deceased), it was agreed by the parties (*inter alia*) as follows:—*Robert Holt* (the grandfather), in consideration of the said marriage and

¹ See page 438.

of the sum of £300 paid to him by *Richard Ashton*, and for other considerations, and for the preferment and advancement of the name and blood "of the *Holtes*," and for the preferment of the issue of *Robert Holt* and *Mary* his wife (then deceased), and for the assurance of all and such manors, messuages, &c. as *Robert Holt* (the grandfather) had at the time of the said marriage, shall by sufficient assurance in the law make such in fee simple as by *Richard Ashton*, his heirs and assigns, shall be devised, of all the premises in Ashworth, Wostenholme, Marcroftyate, Cheesden, Bamford, Spotland, and Middleton, by the name of the capital messuage commonly called "Ashworth Hall," and of all the buildings to the same belonging, and of all manors, lordships, or hamlets of Ashworth, and of all other his hereditaments whatsoever of the nature of free tenement or charterland, in the several towns, hamlets, and parishes of Ashworth, &c. to *William Davenport*, Knt., *Ralph Ashton*, Esq., *John Greenehalgh*, Esq., and *Robert Hewood*, gent., their heirs and assigns, who immediately after the execution of such estate shall be seised of all the premises to the uses mentioned in the said Indenture as follows, viz.:—As to all that portion of the said capital messuage of Ashworth, being at the upper end of the hall there, and all the rooms in those buildings at the head of the said hall ("saeinge and exceptinge free liberty of waie and passinge forthe of the said hall opp and downe the staires there to and from, the twoe hall Chambers and eyther of them in such sort as the said Stayers are now vsed and occupied"); and of all that "Barne consistinge of twoe bayes, and of a Certaine front vpon the outside thereof wherein are twoe barne doores," situate between a certain new building there called the Gatehouse, and a stable called the common stable at the other end; also of all that common stable; "and of one of those three swyne-howses thereunto adioyninge, and pticulerly that next vnto the Cowhouse;" also the said cowhouse (except one bay at the south end thereof, consisting of an upper room and a lower room, whereof the upper room is now used as a henhouse, and except one little building thereto adjoining, used as a calf-house); together with free liberty for laying, keeping, and carrying "mayno"

from the "fould," where it is usually carried from the said houses; also the little orchard at the upper end of the said mansion-house, together with the little parcel of ground lately inclosed from the said orchard lying between the mansion-house and the cowhouse, saving only free liberty of passage and carriage necessary and convenient from the said henhouse; also of all the little garden lying between the backside and the great orchard, with liberty of water and washing in and at the well in the Carr meadowe for the use of the said "howsinge" and the occupiers thereof; also in the following closes or parcels of land, viz.:—"The white Carr, the further Ridd, one acre, one Rood land, and thirty foure falls in the vpp end of the neare Ridd, as the same is nowe meared and holed out, the owlye Carr, the longe Grimscroft, the forkobmett aſt the forkrobinhedge, the Annat Carr, the Bullhill, the Grimsforke, the little oxe meadowe, one Close called the meller hey meadowe, the twoe thornyhills, the Crofte bancke, the twoe sower earthes, one Rood land, and thirty twoe falls in the little Calfe Crofte as the same is nowe meared and sett out, and the meadowing or meadowe ground in the vpp end of the Bullhillwood wth the app'ren^tce, Togeaſt wth convenient waies, gate^e and passages to and for all and all maner vsage and occupaſon of all and singuler the p^{re}misses lastly pticulerly menſioned and every of them, And also Competent and Convenient place, Roome and liberty for layinge keepeinge and Carryinge awaye of Ashes, dunge etc. in vpon vnto and out of the fouldes at Ashworth afforesaid where such thing^e are nowe vsually layd over against the said howsinge last before specified," to the use of *Robert Holt* (the grandfather) until *Richard Holt* (named in the commission) should accomplish the age of 21 years (if he so long live); and after the determination of the said term then to the use of the said *Richard Holt* and his heirs male; and for default to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs male; and for default to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs for ever. As to the residue of all the premises, to the use of *Robert Holt* and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of the said *Robert Holt* and his assigns until *Richard Holt* should attain the age of 21 years; and after

the determination of such estates to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male; and for default to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs male; and for default to the use of himself and his heirs for ever. And that it should be lawful for *Robert Holt* at any time by Indenture to make demises of any part of the premises (those already limited to his own use during the minority of the said *Richard*; as well as Ashworth Hall and the demesne lands of Ashworth, and the lands then or within six years then last past occupied as part thereof; and the corn-mill of Ashworth excepted), to any person for 21 years in possession and not in reversion, at the yearly rents theretofore payable, as by the said Indenture, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears. Afterwards, viz. 11 Jan., 8 James [1610-11], by deed dated 20 Dec. of the same year, in fulfilment of a covenant, specified in the Indenture before mentioned, *Robert Holt* (the grandfather) enfeoffed *William Davenport*, Knt., *Ralph Ashton*, *John Grenehalgh*, and *Robert Heywood* of all the premises therein specified, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns for ever, to the uses in the said Indenture declared, as by the said deed, likewise shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears. By virtue whereof, and by force of the Statute of Uses, *Robert Holt* was possessed of all that portion of the premises limited to his use during the minority of *Richard Holt*, with remainder as above said, as of freehold, for life without impeachment of waste, and of the residue of the premises until the said *Richard* should attain the age of 21 years, with remainder thereof as aforesaid. Afterwards and before 11 March, 16 James [1618-19], at Ashworth, *Richard Holt* attained the age of 21 years, and thereupon entered into all the premises aforesaid, and was seised thereof as in fee tail, viz. to himself and his heirs male, with remainder as aforesaid. *Robert Holt* afterwards, viz. 11 March, 16 James [1618-19], was seised in fee of 12 messuages, 12 gardens, 98 acres of land, 30 acres of pasture, 17 acres of meadow, 5 acres of wood, 50 acres of moor, 50 acres of furze and heath in Butterworth, then lately purchased by him. Afterwards, viz. on the same day, *Robert Holt* and *Richard Holt* (being then of full age) being severally seised of all the premises aforesaid, by Indenture made on the said day between *Robert Holt* and *Richard Holt* of the

one part, and *Theophilus Ashton*, then of Ratchdall, Esq., of the other part, in consideration of a marriage between *Richard Holt* and *Mary*, one of the sisters of the said *Theophilus*, then already solemnized, and of the marriage portion of £1,000 paid and secured by *Theophilus* to *Robert* and *Richard Holt*, and for the better provision and assurance of a sufficient jointure for the said *Mary*, and for the maintenance of the issue of *Richard* and *Mary*, and for the establishing of all the premises of the said *Robert Holt*, and for divers other causes, it was agreed that at or before the next Assizes to be held at Lancaster, a Fine should be levied "Sur Cognizance de droit come ceo quils ont de lour done" to *Theophilus Ashton*, *John Greenhalgh*, Esqs., and *Ralph Ashton* and *John Cudworth*, gentlemen, and their heirs, of all the capital messuage of *Ashworth* and the lands thereto belonging [here described as above], to the following uses [here given in English] :—As to that part of *Ashworth Hall* and the rooms and parcels of land therein specified, as before, to the use of *Richard Holt* and *Mary*, then his wife, and their heirs male; and for default to the use of the heirs male of the said *Richard*; and for default to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs male; and for default to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs for ever. As to the residue of all the premises, to the use of *Robert Holt* and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male by *Mary*; and for default to the use of the said *Richard* and his heirs male; and for default successively to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs male and of his heirs for ever. Provided always that the said Fine should be to such use that certain closes should be charged after the levying of such Fine with the yearly rent-charge of £13: 6: 8 to the said *Richard* and *Mary* for the life of the said *Mary*, and after her decease to *Richard* during the lifetime of *Robert Holt*, with power of distress. And in like manner certain other closes (except 1 acre and 1 rood of land and 34 falls, part thereof) should be charged with a yearly rent-charge of £5 to *Robert* and *Mary Holt*, children of the said *Robert Holt* (then deceased), for the term of 11 years then next following, if they or either of them or their issue should so long live, with like power of distress.

For the considerations aforesaid, and for the better assurance of the said Fine, *Robert Holt* agreed that all his messuages, lands, &c. in Butterworth should be conveyed to the said feoffees, to the use of himself (*Robert*) for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male by *Mary*; and for default to the use of the heirs male of the said *Richard*; and for default to the use of the heirs male of *Robert Holt* and of his right heirs for ever. And it was provided that *Robert Holt* at any time during his life might make any demise of any of the premises in Butterworth for 21 years, for the term of 3 lives, or for any term of years determinable upon 3 lives, so that such leases be in possession and not in reversion. Afterwards a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 5th week of Lent, 16 James [1618], between *Theophilus Ashton*, *John Grenehalgh*, Esqs., *Ralph Ashton* and *John Cudworth*, gentlemen, plaintiffs, and *Richard Holt* and *Robert Holt*, deforcents, of the capital messuage called Ashworth Hall, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 120 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 90 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of wood in Ashworth and Middleton, to the uses mentioned and expressed in a certain Indenture tripartite, dated 11 March, 16 James [1618-19], and made between *Robert Holt* of the first part, *Richard Holt* of the second part, and *Theophilus Ashton* of the third part, viz. of all the portion of the said capital messuage of Ashworth and the rooms and parcels of land therein specified as before, to the use of *Richard Holt* and *Mary*, then his wife, and now the wife of *John Grenehalgh*, Esq., and the heirs male of *Richard* by *Mary*; and for default to the use of the heirs male of the body of the said *Richard*; and for default successively to the use of *Robert Holt* and his heirs male, and of himself and his heirs for ever. As to the residue of all the premises, to the use of *Robert Holt* and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male by *Mary*, with remainders as aforesaid. Certain closes were charged with rent-charges of £13: 6: 8 and £5 as above, as by the Indenture last-mentioned and by a transcript of the Fine, shown to the Jurors in evidence, more fully appears.

Robert Holt, the younger, and *Mary*, his sister, are yet alive at Manchester.

On 8 June, 18 James [1620], by deed dated the same day, for the considerations mentioned in the Indenture of 11 March [1618-19], *Robert Holt* confirmed to *Theophilus Ashton*, *John Greenehalgh*, *Ralph Ashton*, and *John Cudworth* all his premises in Butterworth, to hold to them their heirs and assigns to the uses declared in a schedule annexed to the said deed of feoffment, viz. to the use of *Robert Holt* for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease to the use of *Richard Holt* and his heirs male by *Mary*, with remainders as above, with power for the said *Robert* to demise as above. By virtue whereof and by force of the Statute of Uses *Richard Holt* and *Mary*, his wife, were seised in fee as of freehold for their lives, and *Richard* as of fee tail to himself and his heirs by *Mary*, of all that portion of Ashworth Hall and other the premises limited to their use, with remainder as above said. And *Robert Holt* was seised as of freehold for life of the residue of all the premises, and of all the premises in Butterworth, with remainder as aforesaid.

Richard Holt long before his death was seised in fee of 5 acres of land in Wolstenholme, in the parish of Ratchdall, and he died seised thereof 14 June, 18 James [1620]. *Richard Holt*, gentleman, is the son and heir of *Richard Holt*, and at the time of his father's death was aged 11 months and 19 days and no more.

Robert Holt, so seised as aforesaid, died at Ashworth 31 July last past [1624].

Mary, now wife of *John Greenehalgh*, and late wife of *Richard Holt*, is yet alive at Brandelsholme.

Long before the death of *Richard Holt* one *Roger*, son of *Alexander de Middletuna*, gave all the messuages, lands, and other the premises in Ashworth by the name of "tota Ashwortha" to one *Geoffrey*, his kinsman, as by a certain Charter, shown in evidence to the Jurors upon the taking of this Inquisition, appears, the tenor whereof follows in these words:—

"Ratū sit et vniūsis has literas videntibus vel
audientibus et francis et anglicis tam p̄sentibus q̄m futū
me Roger fit Alēx de Midletuna Galfrido Cognato meo
filio Rōbti decani de Willor totam Ashwortham cū omni

integritate ptinenſ suorū in siluis et Campis et aquis et cū omni integra Communitate sciſet pessone et pasture omniū nemorū et Camporū que mihi et meis ptineñ in feodo et in hereditate dedisse et concessisse et confirmasse sicut ius suū hereditariū sibi et suis heredibus de me heredibusq; meis tenend̄ libe quiete et solute pro omnibus seruiciis que huit p̄d terre ptinet vel contingere possuit et noſatim pro omnibus seruiciis Regis et omniū aliorū qui mihi seruiciū ex debito vel amore habere clamat et noſatim pro Sakeſet quadragin̄ denař aňuatim, quorū dimidietatem iſe p̄d Galfridus vel aliquis ex pte sua mihi Rogero vel meis ad octavas ſc̄ti [sic] Petri in estate, et alteram ptem ad festū ſc̄i Michis dare convenit pro huius confirme libertatis et concessu et recognicōem et Releuacōem post decessores Galfridi p̄d dedit his Testibus And̄ p̄sbro Henrico filio suo et Adā Clico de Midleton Elia p̄sbro, Swan Clico Robto de p̄ſlirię Adam de Waltun Dolſino fre suo, Wiltmo de Gart Jurdan de Ashworth Martin Wiltmo Clico Alan Clico." By virtue of which feoffment *Geoffrey* was ſeized of all the ſaid premises in fee, and had therein the estate and interest of *Robert Holt*, and held the same as required by law.

Before the death of *Richard Holt* one *Richard Ashton*, Esq., was ſeized in fee of the manor of Middleton, held of Queen *Elizabeth*, as of her Duchy of Lancaster, *in capite* by knight's ſervice. *Robert Holt* was likewiſe then ſeized in fee of the aforesaid premises in Ashworth which were then held of the ſaid *Richard Ashton* by the yearly rent of 3s. 4d. They being ſo ſeverally and respectively ſeized, the ſaid *Richard Ashton*, together with one *John Ashton*, then parson of the Parish Church of Middleton, and *Edmund¹ Hopwood*, then of Hopwood, Esq., on 20 Oct., 3 Eliz. [1561], became bound to *Robert Holt* by a bond [ſet out in full] in £200, on condition that if *Richard Ashton* before the feast of Easter then next ensuing at the request of *Robert Holt*, his heirs or assigns, ſhould make a ſufficient estate in fee ſimple to the use of the ſaid *Robert*, his heirs and assigns, with one release upon the ſame, at the costs of the ſaid *Robert*, of all the premises of *Richard Ashton* in Ashworth, with all knight's fees, wards, marriages, and reliefs to the premises or any part thereof

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appertaining, to be conveyed to *Robert Holt*, his heirs and assigns for ever, discharged of all estates, merchant statutes of the staple, rents, arrearages of rent, and all other charges whatsoever, delivering also to him (*Robert*) all deeds and writings concerning the premises, and acquitting him from all rents that should be due out of the said premises to dame *Katherine Radcliffe*, then wife of Sir *William Radcliff*, Knt., and then late the wife of *Richard Ashton*, then late of Middleton, Esq., deceased. And further, if *Richard Ashton* at all and every time thereafter within the space of 3 years at the request of the said *Robert*, his heirs and assigns, should make and convey to him (*Robert*) and his heirs such further assurance of the premises then the said bond to be void, as by the said bond, shown to the Jurors in evidence, more fully appears. Afterwards, 30 Oct., 3 Eliz. [1561], by deed, *Richard Ashton* granted and released to *Robert Holt* [here the deed is set out] all the premises in Middleton for the sum of £80, to hold to him and his heirs for ever to the use of *Robert Holt*, his heirs and assigns, for ever; yielding yearly to *Richard Ashton* and his heirs one pair of gloves, if demanded; also suit of Court of the manor of Middleton, as by the said writing, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears. On 4 Nov., 3 Eliz. [1561], by writing, *Richard Ashton* released to *Robert Holt* all his premises in Ashworth, as by the said deed appears [here set out], to the use of the said *Robert*, his heirs and assigns, for ever, so that neither *Richard Ashton* nor his heirs might claim any right or estate therein at any future time, but should be for ever excluded from any claim or title therein by the said deed, provided that *Robert Holt*, his heirs and assigns, do suit at the Court of *Richard Ashton* and his heirs, and do pay yearly one pair of gloves, as specified in a certain deed made between *Richard Ashton* of the one part and *Robert Holt* of the other part, as by the said writing, shown to the Jurors in evidence, appears. *Robert Holt* did not pay the said rent of 3s. 4d. to *Richard Ashton*, but afterwards he paid to *Richard Ashton*, Knt., then son and heir of the said *Richard*, to whom the manor of Middleton descended after his father's death, one pair of gloves.

Robert Holt was likewise essoined by *Richard Thorneley* at a Court Baron held for the manor of Middleton, 18 James

[1620-21]. "Et si sup totā materiā p^rd" the capital messuage, lands, and other the premises in Ashworth are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, then the Jurors say that all these premises were held of *the King* by knight's service *in capite*. "Et si sup totā materiā p^rd" the capital messuage, land, and other the premises in Ashworth are held of *Ralph Ashton*, Esq., kinsman and heir of *Richard Ashton*, Knt., viz. son and heir of *Richard Ashton*, son and heir of *Richard Ashton*, Knt., then the Jurors say that all those premises are held of *Ralph Ashton*, as required by law, and they were worth nothing during the lifetime of the said *Robert Holt*, but at the time of his death they were, and now are worth per ann. (clear) £10. The premises in Wostenholme, Spotland, and Rachdall are held of *the King*, but by what service the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The premises in Bamford are held of *William*, Earl of *Derby*, in free and common socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6d. All the premises in Butterworth are held of the heirs of *Geoffrey of Butterworth* in free and common socage, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s.

Immediately after the death of *Robert Holt*, *William Holt*, Esq., his only son, entered into all the premises in Ashworth, and was thereof possessed, and thenceforth until 5 Aug. aforesaid¹ took the issues and profits thereof. *John Greenhalgh* on 5 Aug. entered into 3 barns and 1 water-mill, and took the issues and profits thereof from that day up to the 30 Aug. last past [1624], when *William Holt* entered into 1 of the said barns, and took the issues and profits thereof from that time until the day of taking this Inquisition. *John Greenhalgh* from 30 Aug. [1624] up to the present time took the issues and profits of the other two barns. From 5 Aug. [] up to the day of taking this Inquisition *William Holt* took the issues and profits of all the premises parcel of the capital messuage and other demesne lands in Ashworth.

¹ The 5th of August is not previously mentioned in the original.

John Burton, Yeoman.

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No. 8.
17 Sept.
1624.

Inquisition taken at Wigan 17 Sept., 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Burton*, yeoman, by the oath of *James Pilkington*, *Roger Baron*, *Nicholas Turner*, *Robert Bullough*, *Thomas Bankes*, *Richard Morte*, *Richard Turner*, *George Longworth*, *Peter Langton*, *Robert Gorton*, *John Vance*, *William Ormishaw*, *Thomas Nightgall*, *Ralph Ford*, *John Barker*, *Nicholas Pynnington*, *James Langshey*, and *Miles Baron*, gentlemen, who say that *John Burton* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage, 3 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 1 acre of pasture in *Lynaker*; ¹ 1 burgage and 3 acres of land in *Leverpoole*; 3 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in *Downe Lytherland*; ² 1 messuage, 3 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in *Inceblundell*; ² 1 messuage and 14 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in *Bootle*; ¹ and 3 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in *Kerkdale*.¹

The premises in *Lynaker* are held of *William*, Earl of *Derby*, as of the lately dissolved Monastery of St. John of *Jerusalem* in *England*, in free and common socage by fealty and 2s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The premises in *Leverpoole* are held of *the King* in free burgage by the yearly rent of 12d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The premises in *Downe Litherland* are held of *Richard Davie*, yeoman, in free and common socage by the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d$., and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The premises in *Inceblundell* are held of *Robert Blundell*, Esq., as of his manor of *Inceblundell*, by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee and 12d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The premises in *Bootle* are held of *Edward More*, Esq., as of his manor of *Bootle*, in free and common socage by the yearly rent of 4s., and are worth per ann. (clear) 14s. The premises in *Kirkdale* are held of *Edward More*, Esq., as of his manor of *Kerkdale*, in free and common socage by the yearly rent of 1 $\frac{1}{2}d$., and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s.

John Burton, being so seised, died at *Lynaker* 5 Nov., 19

¹ In *Walton* parish.

² In *Sefton* parish.

James [1621]; *Robert Burton* is his son and next heir, and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 13 years 11 months and 18 days.

Janet Burton, late the wife of *John Burton*, holds for her life (if she shall so long live chaste and unmarried) the premises in Lynaker and Downe Litherland, and she is yet alive. *Anne*, late relict of *Robert Burton*, deceased, father of the said *John Burton*, holds for the term of her life the premises in Bootle and Kirkdall, and she still survives.

John Ashton, of Glassebrooke, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Preston in Amoundernes 7 Oct., 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *John Ashton*, gentleman, by the oath of *John Leckonbie*, *Richard Houghton*, *Henry Hodgkinson*, *Thomas Singleton*, *John Sumpner*, *John Hardman*, *Thomas Blackburne*, *Henry Sudell*, *William Breres*, *Richard Bostocke*, *Isaac Wall*, *Henry Wilson*, *James Hesketh*, *Richard Samon*, *James Tailor*, *William Balshawe*, *Evan Blackoe*, and *Thomas Bushell*, gentlemen, who say that *John Ashton* was seised in fee simple of the 4th part of the town or manor of Glassebrooke,¹ and of 3 acres of land; also of 3 messuages, 1 cottage, 70 acres of land and pasture, 8 acres and one rood of meadow, 100 acres of moor and moss, and 2 acres of wood in Glassebrooke.

The 4th part of the town or manor of Glassebrooke, and other the premises in Glassebrooke (1 rood of meadow excepted), are held of the heirs or assigns of *Robert Dudley*, Earl of *Leicester*, as of his manor of Warrington, by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 25s. The 1 rood of meadow in Gleasebrooke is held of the King in capite by the 600th part of a knight's fee, and is worth per ann. (clear) 3d.

John Ashton died, being so seised, 18 Aug., 21 James [1623], after whose death the premises descended to *Hamlet Ashton*, gentleman, his son and heir, who was aged 3 years on 28 July last past [1624].

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7 Oct.
1624.

¹ In Warrington parish.

Alice Ashton, relict of *John Ashton*, took the issues and profits of all the premises aforesaid from the time of the death of *John Ashton* up to the day of taking this Inquisition.

Richard Houghton, of Parke Hall, Esquire.

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No. 46.
22 Dec.
1624.

Inquisition taken at Chorley 22 Dec., 22 James [1624], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Richard Houghton*, late of Parke Hall in Charnocke Richard,¹ Esq., by the oath of *William Chorley*, Esq., *William Tootell*, *Henry Tootell*, *John Roe*, *James Wilkinson*, *James Waringe*, *William Eccleston*, *William Bamford*, *Thomas Wastley*, *George Browne*, *Roger Haydocke*, *Richard Waringe*, *John Withnell*, *Hugh Nightgall*, *John Winard*, *Alexander Breres*, *Roger Finch*, *Adam Kindesley*, *Thomas Ainscowe*, and *Thomas Mollineux*, gentlemen, who say that *Richard Houghton* long before his death was seised in fee of the moiety of the manor of Charnocke Richard; also of 20 messuages, 10 cottages, 1 water-mill, 1 dovecot, 30 gardens, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, 120 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and heath, 100 acres of moor, 100 acres of moss, and 20s. free rent in Charnocke Richard, Walshwittle,¹ Heskine,² Chorley, Euxton,³ and Lancaster.

So seised, in consideration of a marriage then to be had, and which long before the taking of this Inquisition was had, between *William Houghton*, his (Richard's) son, and *Mary*, one of the daughters of *John Gascoigne*, of Barneboe, in the county of York, Esq., a Fine was levied at Lancaster on Monday in the 5th week of Lent, 18 James [1620], between *John Gascoigne*, Esq., *William Ingelbie*, and *Edward Plompton*, Knts., *Alexander Standish*, Esq., and *Thomas Gerrard*, gent., plaintiffs, and *Richard Houghton*, deforciant, of the moiety of the manor aforesaid, and of all other the premises, by the name of the manor of Charnocke Richard, 20 messuages, 10 cottages, 1 water-mill, &c. [as above, with the addition of view

¹ In Standish parish.

² In Eccleston parish.

³ In Leyland parish.

of frank-pledge] to the uses expressed and declared in certain Indentures dated 7 Aug., 13 James [1615] and made between the said *Richard Houghton* of the one part, and *John Gascoigne*, Esq., *William Ingilbie*, and *Edward Ploompton*, Knts., of the other part, viz., concerning one tenement in Charnocke Richard then or late in the tenure of *Roger Crouchley* or his assigns, with all the hereditaments to the same belonging containing about 20 acres of land ; and 1 other tenement in Charnocke Richard then or late in the tenure of *Henry Armitrингe* or his assigns, containing about 16 acres of land ; and certain pastures containing about 16 acres of land ; and 26 acres of land in Walshwhittle [here specifically described], to the use of *William Houghton* and *Mary* for their lives and the life of the survivor of them, without impeachment of waste, during the life of the said *William*, for the jointure of the said *Mary*. And concerning the moiety of the manor aforesaid, and all the premises besides those limited to the use of *William Houghton* and *Mary*, and those last mentioned also after the death of the said *William* and *Mary* and the survivor of them, if *Richard Houghton* (named in the writ) should survive them both, to the use of *Richard Houghton*, for life, without impeachment of waste, and after his decease to the use of *William Houghton* and his heirs male by *Mary* ; and for default to the use of the heirs male of the body of *William Houghton* ; and for default to the use of *John Houghton*, one of the other sons of *Richard Houghton*, and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of *Richard Houghton*, son of *Alexander Houghton*, then deceased, another son of *Richard Houghton* (named in the writ), and his heirs male ; and for default to the use of *George Houghton*, reputed son of *Richard Houghton*, and his heirs male ; and, lastly, for default to the use of the right heirs of *Richard Houghton* for ever, as by a Transcript of the Fine and by the Indenture, shown to the Jurors, appears. By virtue whereof and by force of the Statute of Uses *William Houghton* and *Mary* were seised of the premises (limited as aforesaid for jointure for the said *Mary*) as of freehold for life and for the life of the survivor, with remainder as aforesaid, and *Richard Houghton* was seised of the moiety of the said manor and of all other the premises as of freehold for life, with remainder as aforesaid.

They being so severally and respectively seised, *Mary*

died at Parke Hall. Afterwards, 24 Nov., 20 James [1622] *Richard Houghton* died at Parke Hall; *Anne Bradley*, wife of *Thomas Bradley*, is his kinswoman and heir, viz. daughter and heir of *Alexander Houghton*, son and heir of *Richard Houghton* (named in the writ), and is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 28 years. By virtue of the Fine and conveyance aforesaid *William Houghton* took the issues and profits of all the premises aforesaid from the time of the death of *Richard Houghton* up to this day.

The moiety of the manor of Charnocke Richard and all other the premises in Charnocke Richard are held of *Richard Sherburne* and *Edward Rigby*, Esqs., by fealty and 5s. rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The lands, &c. in Lancaster are held of *the King* in free and common burgage and not in *capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The lands, &c. in Chorley are held of the aforesaid *Richard Sherburne* and *Edward Rigby*, Esqs., by fealty and 12d. rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The lands, &c. in Euxton and Heskine are held of *Richard Mollineux*, Knt. and Bart., in free and common socage and not in *capite* or by knight's service, viz. by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The lands, &c. in Walshwhittle are held of *Edward Wrightington*, Esq., in free and common socage and not by knight's service, viz. by fealty and 12d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s.

Alexander Rigby, Esquire.

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No. 55.
15 Jan.
1624-25.

Inquisition taken at Preston, 15 Jan., 22 James [1624-25], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Alexander Rigby*, Esq., by the oath of *Henry Sudell*, *Henry Parker*, *John Hardman*, *Thomas Singleton*, *Richard Taylor*, *William Arthwright*, *Henry Gregory*, *Thomas Martin*, *Richard Butler*, *Robert Haydocke*, *George Charnley*, *John Shakeshaft*, *Leonard Sergeant*, and *Thomas Walmisley*, gentlemen, who say that *Alexander Rigby* was seised of 1 capital messuage in Goosenargh¹ called "Middleton Hall";

¹ In Kirkham parish.

1 other messuage called "Toppinge House," 1 dovecot, a lane called Middleton Lane, 30 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 4 acres of wood, and 10 acres of moss in Goosenargh ; and of 2 messuages, 16 acres of land called "le Greatshare ;" 1 acre of pasture called "Middleton Holme," and 5 acres of moss called "le Little share," in Goosenargh, as of freehold for life without impeachment of waste, with remainder after his decease to *Alexander Rigby*, his son and heir, "*pro tempore dicti Dñi Regis*," and the heirs male of the said *Alexander* the son ; and for default of such issue with remainder to the heirs male of the body of *Alexander Rigby* named in the writ ; and for default the reversion thereof belonging to his right heirs.

Alexander Rigby was likewise seised of 1 capital messuage in Goosenargh called "le Eyveshall," and of 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, 3 acres of wood, and 3 acres of moss in Goosenargh ; also of 2 messuages, 40 acres of land, 60 acres of pasture, 50 acres of moor, and 10 acres of moss in Threlfall in Goosenargh, as of freehold for life without impeachment of waste, with remainder after his decease to the aforesaid *Alexander* (the son) and his heirs male ; and for default with remainder to *Joseph Rigby*, younger son of *Alexander Rigby* (named in the writ) and his heirs male ; and for default with remainder to *George Rigby*, another of his younger sons, and his heirs male ; and for default with remainder to the female heirs of *Alexander Rigby* (named in the writ) ; and for default with remainder to his right heirs for ever.

Alexander Rigby was likewise seised in fee of 1 messuage, 6 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 5 acres of pasture in Aspenhurst in Goosenargh ; 2 messuages, 12 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture in Woodplumpton ;¹ 1 messuage, 2 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 2 acres of pasture in Catterall ;² 2 messuages, 30 acres of land, 15 acres of meadow, and 15 acres of pasture in Whittingham ;³ 1 messuage, 1 toft, 7 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 4 acres of pasture, and 8 acres of moss in Middleforth and Pemwortham ; 10 acres of land called "the Hollyn

¹ In St. Michael le Wyre parish.

² In Garstang parish.

³ In Kirkham parish.

heyes" in Ince in Makerfield,¹ together with the several appurtenances of all the above-named. Also of 4 tithe-barns and 4 acres of land in Great Poulton, Great Marton,² Little Marton, and Bispam; also of tithes of sheaves, corn, grain, and hay yearly growing in Great Poulton, Little Poulton, Great Marton, Little Marton, and Peele;³ also of all the moiety of the tithes of sheaves, corn, and grain yearly growing in Bispam; and of all the tithes of hay of "le Poole"; also of the moiety of the moiety of all that pension issuing from the Vicarage of Preston in Amoundernes as of freehold for life without impeachment of waste, and after his decease with remainder to *Alexander Rigby* (his son) and his heirs male; and for default with remainder successively in tail male to *Joseph Rigby*, *George Rigby*, the female heirs of *Alexander Rigby*; and, lastly, of the right heirs of *Alexander Rigby* (the son) for ever.

He (*Alexander*) was likewise seised of 1 messuage, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture in Aspull¹ as of freehold for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease with remainder to *Joseph Rigby* for life in like manner, with divers remainders over in fee tail; and for default with remainder to the right heirs of *George Rigby* for ever.

He was also seised of 1 messuage, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of wood in Hulton³ and Tildesley;⁴ also of 1 messuage, 10 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow and 12 acres of pasture in Turton as of freehold for life without impeachment of waste; and after his decease with remainder to *George Rigby* for life in like manner, with divers remainders over in fee tail; and for default with remainder to the right heirs of *George Rigby* for ever.

Alexander Rigby was also seised of 14 burgages, 4 cottages, 6 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 6 acres of pasture in Wigan, as of freehold for life without impeachment of waste; with remainder after his decease to *Dorothy*, his daughter, and her heirs for ever.

¹ In Wigan parish.

³ In Deane parish.

² In Poulton parish.

⁴ In Leigh parish.

The capital messuage called "Middleton Hall," the messuage called "Toppinge house," the dovecot, lane, 30 acres of land, &c. in Goosenargh are held of *the King*, as of his manor of Clitherowe, by fealty only in free and common socage and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The 2 messuages, 16 acres of land called "le Greatshare," 1 acre of pasture called "Middleton holme," &c. in Goosenargh, also the capital messuage called "le Eyveshall," 20 acres of land, &c. in Goosenargh, also the messuages, lands, and other the premises in Threlfall are held of the Most Noble *William*, Earl of *Derby*, as of the lately dissolved Priory of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in socage by fealty only, but by what rent the Jurors know not, and they are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The premises in Aspenhurst are held of *Richard Houghton*, Knt. and Bart., or his assigns, in socage by fealty only and 5s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The premises in Woodplumpton are held of the heirs or assigns of *John Warren*, Esq., deceased, in socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 7s. The premises in Catterall are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by fealty only in free and common socage and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 12d. The premises in Whittingham are held of *Thomas Whittingham*, Esq., in socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The premises in Middleforth and Pemwortham [*sic*] are held of *Richard Fleetwood*, Esq., in socage by fealty and 10d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The premises in Ince are held of *John Ince*, gent., in socage by fealty and the yearly rent of a red rose, and are worth per ann. (clear) 3s. The 4 barns and 4 acres of land in Great Poulton, Great Marton, Little Marton, and Bispam are held of *the King*, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only in free and common socage and not *in capite* or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) 2s. The tithes and other the premises in Great Poulton, Little Poulton, Great Marton, Little Marton, Peele, Bispam, and Poole, and the moiety of the moiety of the pension aforesaid are held of *the King*, as of his manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only and the yearly farm of £12 and 18d. in free and common socage, and not *in*

capite or by knight's service, and are worth per ann. (clear) £3. The premises in Aspull are held of *Thomas Gerrard*, Esq., in free socage by fealty and 10s. 8d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The premises in Hulton are held of the heirs or assigns of *Richard Brereton*, Esq., deceased, in socage by fealty only, and are worth per ann. (clear) 20s. The premises in Tildesley are held of the heirs or assigns of *Lambert Tildesley*, gent., deceased, in socage by fealty and 3s. 6d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s. The premises in Turton are held of *John Orrell*, Esq., in socage by fealty and 4d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 5s. The burgages and other premises in Wigan are held of *John Bridgeman*, Rector of the Parish Church of Wigan, in free burgage and common socage and by the yearly rent of 11s. 3d., and are worth per ann. (clear) 10s.

Alexander Rigby died at Wigan, 20 April, 19 James [1621], *Alexander, Joseph, George*, and *Dorothy* being then alive; *Alexander Rigby* is his son and heir, and was aged at the time of his father's death 26 years 10 months and 7 days.

Alexander Rigby (the son) took the issues and profits of all the premises in Goosenargh, Middleforth, Penwortham, Ince, Whittingham, Catterall, Woodplumpton, Great Poulton, Little Poulton, Great Marton, Little Marton, Peele, Bispam, Poole, and Preston from the time of his father's death up to the day of taking this Inquisition. *Joseph Rigby* took the issues and profits of all the premises in Aspull for the same period. *George Rigby* took the issues and profits of all the premises in Hulton, Tildesley, and Turton for the same period. *Robert Maudesley*, gent., and *Dorothy* his wife took the issues and profits of all the premises in Wigan during the same period.

Thomas Edge, Gentleman.

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No. 90.
21 Jan.
1624-25.

Inquisition taken at Chorley, 21 Jan., 22 James [1624-25], before *Edward Rigby*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Thomas Edge*, gentleman, by the oath of *William Chorley*, Esq., *Richard Robinson*, *William Tootell*, *Thomas Wasley*, *John Parker*, *Thomas Lawe*, *James Wilkinson*, *William*

*Smithies, Thomas Parker, Hugh Nightgall, John Winard, William Breres, Richard Haidocke, Alexander Wilcocke, Alexander Breres, Thomas Hawkeshead, Thomas Molineux, James Cowlinge, and John Rollinson, gentlemen, who say that Thomas Edge was seised in fee of the manor of Bulsnapp within Threlfall in the town of Gosenarh;*¹ *of 1 water grain mill in Bulsnape, called "Bulsnape milne"; of the manor of Little Hoole, in co. Lanc.; and of 1 wind-mill in Little Hoole.*

So seised, by his Will dated 17 Dec. last past [1624], he gave to his son, *Richard Edge*, and the heirs male of his body his manor of Little Hoole and the messuages, lands, &c.; and also his manor of Bulsnape, with the messuages, lands, &c., with remainder to his (the testator's) son, *George Edge*, and the heirs male of his body; with remainder to the child where-with his (the testator's) wife was then *enceinte* if it should be a son, and to the heirs male of his body, with remainder to his daughters *Bridget* and *Ellen*, and to the said child if it should be a daughter, and to their heirs for ever. And he gave to his said son, *George Edge*, a yearly rent of £30 for life out of his said manor of Bulsnape, with power of distress.

The manor of Bulsnape, the mill, and other the premises in Bulsnape are held of *Richard Sherburne*, Esq., as of parcel of the possessions of the late Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, lately dissolved, in free and common socage by fealty and 2s. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s. The manor of Little Hoole, the mill, and other the premises in Little Hoole are held of the heirs of *John*, son of *Augustine de Hoole*, in free and common socage and not *in capite*, by fealty and 1d. yearly rent, and are worth per ann. (clear) 40s.

Thomas Edge (named in the writ) died 29 Dec. last past [1624]; and *Richard Edge*, his son and next heir, is aged at the time of taking this Inquisition 10 years and 4 months; *Bridget*, late his wife, is yet alive in London.

¹ In Kirkham parish.

Robert Bamber, of Warbreck, Gentleman.

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1624-25.

Inquisition taken at Preston, 24 March, 22 James [1624-25], before *Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator*, after the death of *Robert Bamber*, late of Warbreck, gentleman, by the oath of *John Leckonby, John Crooke, Henry Sudell, Henry Hodgkinson, Thomas Singleton, John Hardman, James Breres, William Sudell, Thomas, Blackburne, Edmund Machon, Henry Parker, William Breres, John Sumpner, Richard Bostocke, Evan Blacoe, Mathew Adison, Richard Whalley, William Balshawe*, and *Edward Lawrenson*, gentlemen, who say that *Robert Bamber* long before his death was seised in fee of 1 messuage and 12 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Warbreck, together with common of pasture for all his cattle in the wastes of Laton; also of 2 acres of moss in Great Marten; also of the reversion of 6 acres of land in Warbreck expectant upon the term of 18 years following 7 Nov. last past [1624], for which term *Thomas and William Croocall* are possessed by reason of a demise made to them by the said *Robert Bamber*.

The premises in Warbreck and Great Marten are held of *the King*, as of his Duchy of Lancaster, by knight's service, viz. by the 200th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. (clear) 6s. 8d.

Robert Bamber died 12 Dec. last past [1624]. *William Bamber* is his son and heir, and was aged 3 years, 10 Nov. last past [1624].



Appendix.

Abstracts of Inquisitions, among the ~~Count~~ ~~Rec~~ Records, in the possession of the Manchester Corporation.¹

George Birch, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, co. Lanc., 10 Oct., 4 James [1606], before *Edward Leighe*, Esq., Escheator, to enquire after the death of *George Birch*, gent., deceased, by the oath of *John Cudworth* of Wernett, gent., *Robert Leighe* of Westhaughton, gent., *Thomas Crompton* of Crompton, gent., *George Holme* of Blackroode, gent., *Miles Garrard* of Ince, gent., *William Mollineux* of Westhaughton, gent., *William Banckes* of Scholles, gent., *Nicholas Turner* of Blackrode, gent., *Thomas Tarleton* of Wigan, gent., *Charles Leighe* of Wigan, gent., *William Ascrofte* of the same, gent., *Robert Markeland* senior, of the same, gent., *Robert Markeland* junior, of the same, gent., *Robert Barrow* of the same, gent., *William Pilkington* of the same, gent., *Robert Orrell* of the same, gent., and *Thomas Mollineux* of Wigan Woodhowses, gent., Jurors, who say upon their oath that the said *George Birch* was seised in fee of and in 2 messuages or burgages, 2 barns, 2 gardens, and 2 closes of land in Manchester containing by estimation 5 acres of land, and, being so seised, the said *George Birch* deceased, by the name of *George Birch* of Detford, co. Kent, gent., 14 June, 38 Eliz. [1596], before *Edmund Anderson*, Knight, then Chief Justice of the Common Bench, acknowledged that he owed to *Thomas Goodyear* of Manchester, draper, now deceased, £200, to be paid to the said *Thomas* at the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist then next coming. And the said *George*, being so seised, died 20 May, 44 Eliz. [1602], after whose

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¹ Communicated by Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A.

death the said premises came, as by right they ought to come, to *Elizabeth Brown*, wife of *Christopher Brown*, sister and heir of the said *George*, by virtue of which the said *Christopher Brown* and *Elizabeth* his wife were seised of the said premises as of the right of the said *Elizabeth*. And the said *Thomas Goodyear* died at Manchester intestate, after whose death administration of his effects was granted from the Prerogative Court of York to *Robert Goodyear*, gent., son and heir of the said *Thomas Goodyear*. And afterwards the said *Robert Goodyear* took out a writ in the Palatine Court, reciting the recognizance of the said *George Birch* dated 14 June, 38 Eliz. [1596], regarding the said £200, and stating that the same had not been paid, and demanding the seizure of the body of the said *George Birch* and all his goods, lands, &c., and that a true value of the same might be found by a Jury. And an enquiry was held, and it was returned that the said *George Birch* was dead, and an Inquisition was taken at Preston in Amounderness 14 June last past, when it was found that when he made the said recognizance he was seised of the premises above named, being of the yearly value of 33s. 4d., and that he had no other goods or chattels in the county of Lancaster. And thereupon the Sheriff seized the said lands, and afterwards the said *Robert Goodyear* took out another writ in the said Court, whereupon *Edward Fleetwood*, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Lancaster, 17 July last past, granted the said premises to the said *Robert Goodyear* as the administrator of the said *Thomas Goodyear*, deceased, by virtue whereof the said *Robert Goodyear* was seised of the premises with reversion to the said *Christopher Brown* and *Elizabeth* his wife. And, being so seised, by an Indenture dated the last day of July last past, he conveyed the said premises to *William Birch* of Manchester, draper, his heirs and assigns for ever. And afterwards, 5 Aug. last past, a fine was levied at Lancaster before *Sir John Sevill*, Knight, one of the Barons of the King's Exchequer at Westminster, and *George Snigge*, Knight, one other Baron of the said Exchequer, the King's Justices at Lancaster, the which fine was to the use of *William Birch*, his heirs and assigns.

And the Jury say that the said *Elizabeth*, wife of the said *Christopher Brown*, is sister and heir of the said *George Birch*,

and is aged 30 years and more at the day of the taking of this Inquisition.

And that the said premises are held of Sir *Nicholas Mosley*, Knt., as of his manor of Manchester, by knight's service and the rent of 6s. per annum, and are worth per ann. 33s. 4d.

(Signed) p me, *Jacobū Massye*,
deput' Escaetor.

Ralph Proudlove, of Manchester, Gentleman.

Inquisition taken at Wigan, 10 October, 4 James [1606], before *Edward Leighe*, Esq., Escheator, after the death of *Ralph Proudlove*, late of Manchester, gent., deceased, by the oath of *John Cudworth* of Wernett, *Robert Leighe* of Westhaughton, *Thomas Crompton* of Crompton, *George Holme* of Blackerood, *Miles Garrard* of Ince, *William Mollineux* of Westhaughton, *William Bancks* of Scholles, *Nicholas Turner* of Blackrood, *Thomas Tarleton* of Wigan, *Charles Leighe* of Wigan, *William Ascrofte* of Wigan, *Robert Markeland*, senior, of Wigan, *Robert Barrow* of Wigan, *Robert Markeland*, junior, of Wigan, *William Pilkington* of Wigan, *Robert Orrell* of Wigan, and *Thomas Mollineux* of Wigan Woodhowses, gentlemen, who say that the said *Ralph Proudlove* was seised in his demesne as of fee of 2 burgages and 1 garden in Manchester, late in the tenure of *Thomas Morrisse* and *John Turner*, alias *Monckes*, at the annual rent of 18d.; and also of 2 cottages in "Le Withingreve," in Manchester aforesaid, in the tenure of *Richard Scragge* and *Robert Hudson* at the annual rent of 6d.; and of 3 cottages, 1 barn, 4 gardens, and 2 closes of land in "Le Todelane" and "Caldarse" in Manchester, late in the separate tenures of *Anne Proudlove*, widow, *Ralph Proudlove*, the wife of *Richard Hunt*, *Oliver Heyworth*, and *James Hunt*, at the annual rent of 10d. And the said *Ralph*, being so seised, made his will 8 April, 1588, in which will he wished all his debts to be paid out of all his goods, and, if they were not sufficient, then he wished the deficit to be raised from his lands, and afterwards the reversion of the said

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lands to remain to *Margaret*, his wife, for her life, with remainder to her heirs by the said *Ralph*. And in default of such heirs the one half of the said lands to his next of kin, *George Proudlove*, and his heirs for ever, and the other half of the said lands to his sister *Ellin Goodyer* and her heirs for ever; and of the said will he made the said *George Proudlove* and *Thomas Goodyer*, now deceased, the Executors, as appears by the said will shown to the Jury on the day of the taking of this Inquisition.

And the Jurors say that on 8 April, 30 Eliz. [1588], the said *Ralph Proudlove* died so seised of the said lands and tenements, without issue, and his goods and chattels were not sufficient to pay his debts. And, further, the said Jury say that the said *Margaret*, late his wife, died 20 Jan., 42 Eliz. [1599-1600]. And the said *George Proudlove* is next of kin and heir of the said *Ralph*, and is aged at the day of taking this Inquisition 21 years and upwards. And that the said *Ellen Goodyer* died 7 Aug., 1591, and that *Robert Goodyer* is her son and heir.

And the Jurors say that the said lands and tenements at the time of the death of the said *Ralph Proudlove* were held of *John Lacy*, Esq., as of his manor of Manchester, by knight's service and the rent of 2s. 10d.; and that the said lands and tenements at the time of taking this Inquisition are held of *Sir Nicholas Mossley*, Knt., as of his manor of Manchester, by knight's service and the rent of 2s. 10d.

(Signed) per me *Jacobū Massye*,
deput' Escaetor.

James Ashton, of Manchester.

18 Dec.
1606.

Inquisition taken at Bolton, co. Lanc., 18 Dec., 4 James [1606], before *Edward Leighe*, Esq., Escheator, to enquire after the death of *James Ashton*, late of Manchester, co. Lanc., deceased, by the oath of *Giles Ainsworth* of Ainsworth, gent., *John Crosse* of Overdarwin, gent., *Lawrence Bradshaw* of Tonge, gent., *John Wood* of Torton, gent., *Roger Wamesley* of Rogersteed, gent., *William Mollineux* of Westhaughton, gent.,

William Lightbound of Bolton, gent., *Ellis Bradshaw* of Torton, gent., *Ralph Greene* of Torton, gent., *James Crompton* of Romworth, gent., *James Radcliffe* of Sharples, gent., *Robert Reeve* of Westhaughton, gent., *George Longworthe* of Blacke-rood, gent., *Adam Levor* of Great Levor, gent., and *Gilbert Tildisley* of the same, gent., Jurors, who say upon their oath that the said *James Ashton* was seised of and in 1 messuage in three separate parts divided, 2 gardens, 1 acre of land in Manchester, and on 24 Aug., 1605, at Manchester, he made his last will in these words:—"Itm. my will is that *Richard Knott* shall have one parcel of ground lying at the back side of my house during the term of 9 years next after the date hereof at the yearly rent of 12d. Itm. it is my will that *John Spakeman* shall have one bay of a house that he hath taken for 20 years after the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle next ensuing the date hereof, at the yearly rent of 4d., and 7 years thatching when it is called upon in a week's warning. Itm. to my sister *Katheryn* one bedroom during her life. Itm. my legacies, debts, &c. being paid, I give the rest of all my land and goods to my wife and children, and the survivor of them, and their heirs for ever. I make *Anne Ashton*, my wife, my Executor. Dated 24 Aug., 1605." And the said *James Ashton* died at Manchester, 29 Aug., 3 James [1605].

And, further, the Jury say that the 1 messuage in three parts divided and the 2 gardens are held of Sir *Nicholas Mosley*, Knt.; as of his manor of Manchester, in socage by fealty and the rent of 12d. per ann., and are worth per ann. 2s.; and the Jurors say that *Joyce Ashton* is sister and next heir of the said *James*, and is of the age of 30 years on the day of the taking of this Inquisition.

(Signed) p me *Jacobū Massye*,
deput' Escaetor.

Seal, bearing a ram's head, issuant from a ducal coronet, holding a spray of leaves in its mouth.¹

[¹ This is the crest of Legh of Lyme, used by Edward Legh, Esq., the Escheator. There is apparently an annulet on the neck of the ram, as a mark of cadency.]

George Hulton, of Farnworth, Esquire.

4 Sept.
1611.

Inquisition taken at Boulton in le moores, co. Lanc., 4 Sept., 9 James [1611], before *Edward Rigbie*, Esq., Escheator, to enquire after the death of *George Hulton*, late of ffarnworth in the said county, Esq., deceased, by the oath of *Alexander Leaver* of Chamber, gent., *Richard Entrisley* of ffoxhoales, gent., *Adam Hoult* of Lowerplace, gent., *Charles Hoult* of Balderston, gent., *Thomas Whyteheade* of Bury, gent., *Richard Smethurst* of Broadoacke, gent., *Thomas Shoare* of Shoare, gent., *Abraham Breareley* of Newchey, gent., *James Milnes* of Ladyhowse, gent., *John Parke* of Boulton, gent., *Edward Atkinson* of Balderston, gent., *Adam Leaver* of Great Leaver, gent., *Robert Groundie* of Burneden, gent., *Richard Hill* of Digge-yate, gent., *Ralph Norres* of Boulton, gent., Jurors, who say upon their oath that the said *George Hulton* was seised in fee of and in the manor of ffarnworth and 1 capital messuage called "the Hall of ffarnworth," and of and in 20 messuages, 10 cottages, 1 water-mill, 20 gardens, 10 orchards, 200 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 60 acres of wood, 60 acres of moss, 60 acres of heath, and 40 acres of moor, and 1 coal mine with the appurtenances in ffarnworth; and of and in the manor of Rumworth, and 3 messuages, 10 cottages, 13 gardens, 40 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, and 100 acres of moor with the appurtenances in Rumworth; and of and in 2 messuages, 14 acres of land, and 16 acres of meadow in Kersley; and of and in 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 3 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and 6 acres of moor in Bolton in le moores; and of and in 6 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 8 acres of pasture, and 6 acres of wood, with the appurtenances in Great Leaver; and of and in 35s. rent in Manchester. And, being so seised, by a certain Indenture, dated 26 Feb., 35 Eliz. [1592-93], and made between *Robert Hyde* of Norbury, co. Chester, Esq., of the one part, and the said *George Hulton* of the other part, in consideration of a marriage then about to be had and solemnized between the said *George Hulton* and *Margaret Hyde*, one of the daughters of the said *Robert Hyde*, and for the dower of the said *Margaret*, of and in the said

capital messuage and the demesne lands of ffarnworth, he granted to the said *Robert Hyde* and his heirs that he the said *George Hulton* and his heirs should be seised of and in the half of all the said messuages, lands, &c. in ffarnworth, to the use of the said *Margaret* for the term of her life (the said capital messuage called "ffarnworth" and the demesne lands there, and a tenement in the possession of *Henry Dicksonne* in ffarnworth excepted), and of and in all the other lands of the said *George* of which the said *George* was seised in fee, in possession or reversion, To the use of the said *George* and *Margaret* for their lives and the longest liver of them, and after their decease to the use of the heirs of the said *George* by the said *Margaret*. And in default of such to the right heirs of the said *George* for ever. And, further, it was by the said Indenture provided that if the said *George* should have any male issue by the said *Margaret*, and also one or more daughters, that his heir should, within 8 years after he had accomplished the age of 21 years, pay to *William Davenport* of Bramall, co. Chester, then Esq. and now Knt., *Hamnet Hyde*, *Thomas Gerrarde* of Garswoodde, gent., and *John Potter*, yeoman, or their heirs, the sum of £200, to be divided among the said daughters. And, further, it was provided that he might grant annuities of 40s. for his younger sons. And afterwards the said *George* married the said *Margaret* and had issue by her *Thomas Hulton*, son and heir, *George Hulton* and *Richard Hulton*, younger sons; *Elizabeth Hulton*, *Mary Hulton*, and *Catherine Hulton*, his daughters. And, further, the said Jurors say that the said *George Hulton*, being so seised of the premises aforesaid, on 22 Feb., 7 James [1609-10], at ffarnworth aforesaid, made his last will in these words:—

"In the name of God, Amen, the 22 Feb., 7 James [1609-10], I *George Hulton* of ffarnworth co. Lanc., Esq. Whereas I now stand indebted and my children very slenderly provided for, I hereby limit and devise all my lands &c. in Great Leaver, ffarneworth, and Kirsley co. Lanc. except such lands as are assigned for my wife's jointure during her life, to my brother in law *Hamnet Hyde* of Hyde co. Chester, gent., *Robert Hyde* his son, and *Thomas Stranguishe* of Stranguishe co. Lanc., Esq^r. for the term of 21 years after my decease, upon trust that they shall with

the profits &c. thereof pay all my just debts which my goods will not extend to pay, and to employ all the overplus of the said profits for the preferment of all my children except my eldest son, as they the said *Hamnet Hyde*, *Robert Hyde*, and *Thomas Stranguishe*, shall think fitting. And of this my last will I make my loving wife *Margaret Hulton*, the said *Hamnet Hyde*, *Robert Hyde*, and *Thomas Stranguish*, my Executors."

And the said *George*, being so seised, 19 March, 7 James [1609-10], died at ffarneworth.

And the Jurors say that the said manor of ffarneworth, the capital messuage, and other the premises there, are held of Sir *Nicholas Mosley* Knt., as of his manor of Manchester, in socage by fealty and the rent of 4s. 6d., and are worth per ann., beyond reprizes, 40s. And that the manor of Rumworth and the premises there are held of the said Sir *Nicholas Mosley*, Knt., as of his manor of Manchester aforesaid, by knight's service, viz. by the 3rd part of a knight's fee and the rent of 4s. 6d., and are worth per ann. 10s. And that the lands, &c. in Kirsley are held of the said Sir *Nicholas Mosley* in socage, and are worth 6s. 8d. per ann. And that the messuages, &c. in Bolton are held of *William*, Earl *Darbie*, *Richard Shirburne*, Esq., *Raphe Asheton*, Esq., and *Jane Aynesworth*, widow, as of their manor of Bolton, in socage by fealty and the rent of [blank], and are worth per ann. 3s. 4d. And that the premises in Leaver are held of Sir *Richard Assheton*, Knt., by knight's service, viz. by the 100th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann. 2s.

And, further, the said Jurors say that the said *Thomas Hulton* is son and next heir to the said *George*, and is of the age of 9 years 11 months and [blank] days on the day of the taking of this Inquisition.

(Signed) *Ed: Rigbie.*
Escaetor.

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